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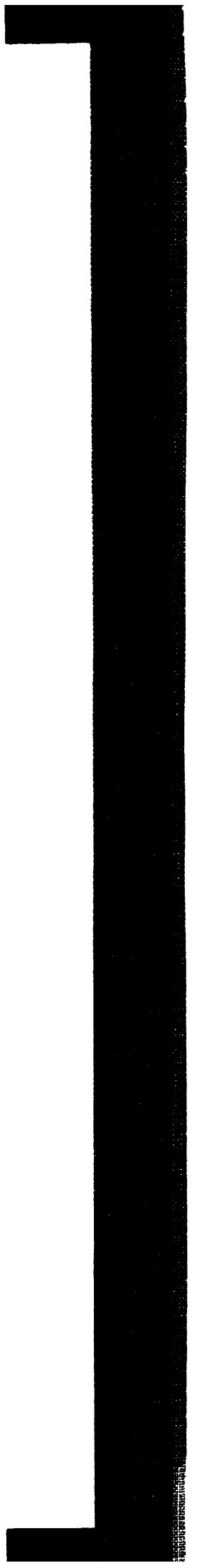
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GENEALOGY

OF THE

ADAMS FAMILY,

OF

KINGSTON, MASS.

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INTRODUCTION.

A FEW explanatory remarks relative to this genealogy may be well, not only to the many interested in it, but to the few who have given it only a casual and indifferent thought.

The first collection of information for this work was made by Theodore P. Adams, during his school vacation in the summer of 1857; this information was mainly in reference to FRANCIS ADAMS and his immediate descendants.

Feeling a strong interest in the matter, I subsequently engaged in the prosecution of the work, and after much labor and research have succeeded in tracing out most of the descendants of the ancestors, FRANCIS and MARY.

Those bearing the name of Adams are nearly, if not all, given in this genealogy; and those who have surrendered this name to the claims of matrimony, we have also endeavored to trace out as far as possible, without longer delaying the publication of the work.

Our original design was merely to secure a complete genealogy of our own branch of the family; but discovering that many of the descendants of the ancestors belonging to the other branches entertained a deep interest in the matter and a desire for an enlarged statement, a more comprehensive plan was then determined upon.

To various individuals of the male branches of the children of Francis and Mary, we are indebted for valuable information, and for words and deeds of sympathy and encouragement. To name them would be gratifying, but it would be difficult to limit the list.

The labor and difficulties of collecting the requisite facts, can only be fully appreciated by those who have had experience in genealogical collections; but our burden has been made light and easy to bear by the cheerful coöperation of kindred, though in some cases remotely connected by ties of consanguinity. Old acquaintances have been revived and new ones made—friendships formed and fraternal feelings promoted—amply compensating for exertions made in the cause.

But these personal considerations, however profitable and gratifying, are not the only happy circumstances connected with this sketch. The facts elicited in respect to the Christian character, rare talents and unobtrusive life of Francis Adams, the ancestor, are truly a matter of just pride to all related to him. He was indeed a noble example for his descendants to honor and imitate.

The amount of well authenticated information in regard to him is rather limited, but sufficient has been secured to prove all that is claimed for him. Much traditional information about him is extant, but this is regarded usually as not very substantial, and hence we have not felt it safe to base our statements upon it to any great extent. It is to be regretted that the sketch of his character and life had not been undertaken some twenty years ago, as since that time many valuable papers, then in possession of a descendant, have been destroyed by fire. Should any person have any papers in respect to him or his immediate descendants, or should they hereafter discover any, they will confer a favor by notifying the subscriber.

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Interspersed through the work in their appropriate places, may be seen brief notices of persons from whom the items to form a sketch could be obtained. The number would have been increased, had the necessary information been available.

Early in the commencement of the work, it was believed that it might be completed before this time, but unforeseen obstacles have prevented. To procure names and dates from some families is quite easy, while in others it is very difficult. Every family should have a record of its members, as it is interesting in their day and generation, and valuable to those who succeed them.

During the winter of 1858, it was decided to call a meeting of the descendants, at Kingston, on the 16th of April, 1858, it being the centennial anniversary of the death of Francis Adams. Accordingly, measures were taken to hold it there, but it was afterwards changed to Boston.

The following is an account of the meeting:—

"CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY of the Death of Francis Adams of Kingston, Ms.—At a meeting of the descendants of Francis Adams, in Boston, April 16th, 1858, Nathaniel Adams, of Boston, was called to the chair, and Raymond C. Davis, of Cushing, Me., appointed Secretary.

"George Adams, of Boston, made a statement in regard to some genealogical collections he and his son Theodore P. Adams had made respecting the descendants of Francis Adams and Mary his wife. After consultation, the following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That we cherish with affection and veneration the memory of our ancestor, Francis Adams, who through severe trials and difficulties, not only successfully established for himself, but for us, a citizenship in this favored land.

"*Resolved*, That while thus enjoying our happy lot, we will show our appreciation of, and our gratitude for, these privileges and blessings, by rescuing from oblivion the names and deeds of our predecessors, and preserving them in some enduring form—that those who may succeed us shall have a record of those who have preceded them in this land.

"*Resolved*, That we regard with interest and favor the genealogical collection as made by George and Theodore P. Adams, and request them to complete as far as possible this account, and prepare the same for publication, and superintend the printing of it in a pamphlet form.

"*Resolved*, That Nathaniel Adams, Thomas Adams, Minot Tirrell, Jr., William Adams and Edwin Adams, all of Boston; John Perkins of Plymouth, Joseph Adams of Kingston, and R. C. Davis of Cushing, be a committee to secure subscriptions to defray the expenses of printing and distributing the pamphlet, and should there be any surplus of funds, the committee are authorized and requested to expend the same in improving the ground around the grave of Francis and Mary, in Kingston, and in the erection of a suitable monument to their memory.

"*Voted*, That the committee have power to add other members of the family to the body, if they desire it.

Adjourned.

NATHANIEL ADAMS, *Chairman*.

RAYMOND C. DAVIS, *Sec'y.*"

Those present at this meeting manifested a warm zeal in the cause, and it was the understanding that another meeting should be called by the subscriber, as soon as sufficient progress had been made in the genealogy to warrant the committee taking vigorous action.

Immediately after this meeting, efforts were continued to collect names and facts, as opportunities were presented; but several months' absence from Massachusetts during the year, and the neglect of many persons to furnish the proper information, delayed the work.

Upon my return, renewed efforts were made. Letters were written to such as had failed to furnish the information, and diligent researches made; but the failure of many living at great distances to make returns of names, dates, &c., continued to retard the work.

INTRODUCTION.

April 16th, 1859, this being the one hundred and first anniversary of the death of Francis Adams, a meeting of a few of his descendants was held in Boston to observe in a humble manner this anniversary. Mr. Nathaniel Adams acted as Chairman, and Mr. William Adams as Secretary. Mr. George Adams made a statement in regard to the progress made during the last year in the genealogical collections of the family. An increasing interest in the movement was evinced by those present, and a determination exhibited to stir up others to furnish the requisite information to complete the work. The subscriber was authorized to call another meeting as soon as the sketch could be prepared to be laid before the meeting for its consideration and disposal.

April 16th, 1860. A meeting in commemoration of the death of Francis Adams was held in Boston this day. Mr. Nathaniel Adams acted as Chairman, and Mr. William Adams as Secretary. Mr. George Adams presented his genealogical report, which was adopted by the meeting and ordered to be printed.

The finance committee were authorized to proceed at once in soliciting subscriptions to defray any expense which may be incurred.

The subscription paper was then circulated at the meeting, and a liberal sum was promptly subscribed, and a determination evinced to follow up and complete the work as soon as possible.

Jan. 7th, 1861. A meeting was held in Boston this day to determine upon the manner of distributing the printed genealogy, and to close up matters in regard to the book.

The committee on finance reported that they had received four subscriptions of \$25 each, one of \$15, two of \$10, eight of \$5, and others for smaller sums, making in all \$187. The estimated expenses for paper, printing and binding the book, with other small expenses, was about \$140, leaving a balance of \$47, provided the remainder of the subscription was paid in.

It was voted that Nathaniel Adams, of Boston, Alexander Holmes, Frederic C. Adams, Thomas Adams and Edward Willis, of Kingston, Edwin Adams, William Adams, and Thomas Adams, of Boston, be a committee to distribute the books to the contributors, as they may judge proper, and to sell the balance at fifty cents a copy; and all sums collected from the sales, together with such additional subscriptions, may be received and the balance on hand, be expended on a suitable monument to the ancestors.

Should any error or omission be discovered in the book, please make the proper correction in the copy in your possession, as it will aid in preserving an accurate record; also notify the compiler, George Adams, of Boston, of the same.

An old BIBLE, said to have belonged to the ancestor, Francis Adams, and also his CANE, are yet preserved—the former being in the keeping of Mary A. Oldham, and the latter of Charles Adams, of Kingston. George Adams, of Boston, has also a few documents written by the ancestor; and James Adams, of Washington, has the original letters of Richard Adams to Francis, in 1697 and 1700.

RICHARD ADAMS was father of the ancestor, Francis Adams. There is little known about this Richard, aside from what is gathered from tradition, but most of this is derived from sources entitled to much credit.

It is evident that he came from Chester, England, after the year 1680. During the year 1688, he purchased a large tract of land in what was then New Hampshire. There is now in possession of one of his descendants, a document written upon parchment, of which the following is a copy:—

This Indenture, made the One & thirtieth day of May in ye fourth year of ye Reign of our Sovereign Lord James the Second by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, King Defender of ye faith, &c. Anno Dm. 1688. *Between* Robert Tufton-Mason, Esq. Proprietor of the Province of New Hampshire in New England, of one part. And Richard Adams of Boston in ye Colony of the Massachusetts, Gent. of the other part, *Witnesseth*, that *Whereas* the said Robert Tufton-Mason, by virtue of a Grant from King James the First of famous memory in ye Eighteenth Year of His Reign, Is instated in fee of All those Lands, Islands & Rivers, lying between the Rivers of Naumkege and Pascataqua called New Hampshire, And of all Rights, Royalties & within the same. *Now* this Indenture further *Witnesseth* that the said Robert Tufton-Mason for divers good causes & considerations him thereto especially moving, *hath* granted And hereby doth grant, bargain, sell, infeoff & confirm to ye said Richard Adams, his heirs, and assigns, *All that* Parcel of Land lying and ye Northside of Merrimack River, abutting (on ye Westerly side of the said Land) upon the Land formerly called Alcocks farm And now in ye possession of one ——— Whitaker. Containing Two Miles and one half in breadth by the said Merrimack River, And Seven miles in Length to ye Northward. The whole containing Eleven thousand, two hundred acres *Excepting* out of ye premises convenient Paths or Highways for common use, if found needful. Also *Excepting* & reserving to ye said Robert Tufton-Mason, his heirs & Assigns All mines & minerals that shall be found or be hereafter within ye Premises and all Pine Trees of Twenty-four inches through, fit for Masts of Ships. *To have* and to hold the said Parcel of Land (except before Excepted) to the said Richard Adams his heirs and assigns, To the only use & behoof of him the said Richard Adams, his heirs & Assigns forever. *Yielding* & paying therefore to the said Robert Tufton-Mason his heirs & Assigns yearly forever, the annual Rent of five pounds, twelve shillings of lawful money current in New England, and Two Shillings for every Dwelling house (more than one) that is or shall be, built upon the premises On ye feast of St. John Baptist and the Nativity of our Lord God by Equal portions Without any abatement or defalcation And Two Fat Turkeys every Christmas. And if it happen the said annual Rent of five pounds, twelve Shillings, And Two shillings & Two fat Turkeys, or any part thereof to be behind & unpaid by the space of Twenty days next after any day of payment aforesaid, being Lawfully demanded, Then the said Richard Adams his heirs and Assigns shal forfeit & pay to the said Robert Tufton-Mason, his heirs and assigns, Double the Rent so behind and unpaid, And the said Robert Tufton-Mason for himself his heirs & assigns, Doth hereby covenant with the said Richard Adams his heirs & assigns, That he the said Robert Tufton-Mason his heirs & Assigns, The hereby granted premises to ye said Richard Adams, his heirs & Assigns, against all persons shall and will warrant and forever hereby defend. And the said Richard Adams for himself his heirs and assigns doth hereby covenant with the said Robert Tufton-Mason, his heirs and Assigns, That he, the said Richard Adams, his heirs & assigns shall and will from time to time, well and truly preserve and keep all and singular the Buttals and Boundals of the hereby granted premises. In WITNESS whereof, the Parties hereto have interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

(Signed)

ROBERT TUFTON-MASON.

On the back is written, "Sealed & delivered in presence of R. Chamberlain & N. Bedford." The town or section in which this lot was located cannot be fixed clearly.

Capt. John Mason procured from the Council of Plymouth, in 1621, a grant of "all the land from the River Naumeag (now Salem) round Cape Ann to the river Merrimack, & up each of these rivers to the farthest head thereof, then to cross over from the head of one to the head of the other, with all the islands lying within three miles of the coast." Afterwards he procured an additional grant from the rivers Merrimack and Sagadahock extending back. He died in 1635, and in his will he made certain bequests to Robert Tufton, his grandson, on the condition that he should take the surname of Mason. This Robert Tufton Mason became of age in 1650, and in 1681 he came over from England and attempted to establish his claim, but met with resistance on the part of the occupants, and had to escape to England.

Subsequently he employed means to prosecute his claims, and sold land in these grants; and among these grants was probably this grant to Richard Adams.

It is said that he intended to settle upon this territory, and had sent to England for

his family; and while on this tract of land, making the necessary preparations to locate there, was taken prisoner by the Indians, bound hand and foot, and kept for some time on an allowance of a few parched corns a day, until his sufferings became so great that he importuned them for relief, when some of the Indians drew their bows and killed him. It is said that the friendly Indians in that section held him in such esteem that they performed certain rites and ceremonies in reference to his death and in honor of his memory.

He was a zealous Puritan, and a man of great courage and firmness. Before leaving England he became obnoxious to the government officials during the reign of King James the Second, on account of his opposition to ecclesiastical and kingly interference with the rights of conscience.

He had his Bible screwed through the covers to a stand, and this fastened to the floor, to prevent the officers of the crown from taking it away, declaring that he would read his Bible in defiance of all edicts.

He seems to have possessed a good share of the Puritanic spirit of that age. His fidelity to conscience and the higher law exhibits a heroic Christian character, and one worthy of the serious consideration and imitation of his descendants.

Little is known of his family. It is certain he had two sons, Richard and Francis, and one daughter, Jemima. Richard never came to this country, but the others did, as the following statement will show. We have not had time or opportunity yet to trace out the family in England, but hope at some future time to give facts in regard to the family in that country.

The following is taken from "Athenae Oxonienses, an exact history of all the writers and Bishops educated at Oxford from 1500 to 1690, by A. Wood."

Writers of Brasen-Nose College.

"Richard Adams, a minister's son in Worrall, in Cheshire, was originally of Cambridge, where he was examined and admitted in Arts the 26th of March, 1644. Afterwards he went to Oxon, when the Garrison thereof was surrendered to Parliament, was admitted a student of Brasen-nose College the 24th of March, 1646, aged 20 Years or more, and soon after made Fellow thereof. In 1655, he left his fellowship, being about that time beneficed at St. Mildred's, Bread St. in London, and in 1662 removed for Non-Conformity, from which time to this he hath continued a Non-Conformist Preacher, and now liveth if I mistake not in Southwark (1690 or 96). He was the author of many works."

Another account of him says he died in 1684, and was the author of "True & Terrible Relation from Maltravis, in Malaga, London, 1648;" "Notes on St. Paul's Epistles to the Phillippians and Colossians, in Phole's Bible, and assisted his brother Thomas Adams in some other works."

"Thomas Adams was the younger brother of Richard Adams. He became a student of the Brasen in July, 1649, and made fellow thereof June 2, 1652; became a preacher and removed from his Fellowship in 1662 for Non-Conformity, went to London and preached. Published works in 1675 and 77, about which time he died. He wrote in opposition to the Established Church of England, and on the Principles of Religion."

The above-named Richard may have been the father of Richard who came over here and was killed by the Indians. This last named Richard was the father of Francis the ancestor, who was born in 1677.

FRANCIS ADAMS, THE ANCESTOR,

Son of Richard, was born in England, in 1677 or 8. His father, having decided to settle in America, sent for him; and Francis, then about fifteen years of age, and his sister Jemima, a few years older, arrived in this country about the year 1692.

Upon their arrival, they learned the sad intelligence of the death of their father, as stated before. Of tender years, in a strange land, and distant from home, kindred and friends, their situation was indeed forlorn. Their voyage to this country was attended with severe suffering, having had an unusually long and stormy passage, and at times in great peril, besides being short of provision.

Jemima immediately returned to England, but Francis concluded to abide here. A vivid remembrance of his experience in coming, influenced him somewhat in this decision.

Before leaving his native land, he had received a fair education, which was quite fortunate, as he was left alone here, and under circumstances which prevented his attending school.

Reared by religious parents, young Francis became early impressed with the importance of personal piety. On his passage from England, his mind became seriously distressed in regard to his salvation, and he used to say that notwithstanding the perils and bodily sufferings he then and there experienced, they were nothing compared with the distress of mind he felt in view of his lost condition; and when at last he received the blessing, so great was his joy and so extatic were his feelings, that he became quite prostrated, and felt, as he said, as if he lay in the arms of his Saviour. He continued in this happy frame of mind a long time, enjoyed religion through his long life, and gave evidence of it in his daily walk and conversation.

The prominent trait of his character seemed to have been the cultivation of his religious nature, and he derived from it great comfort and strength. Remote from his native land and kindred, without the benefits of advising friends, he sought in religion the consolation and aid he needed, and looked not in vain, but found it a safe guide and counsellor amid the trials and temptations of life.

He always cherished a strong affection for his native land, and loved to indulge in reminiscences respecting his youthful days.

It is a matter of regret that so few details of his life are known, from the period of his arrival to that of his marriage.

It appears he soon determined to learn the trade of a Weaver or Clothier, and served a part if not all of his apprenticeship at the business in Watertown. He lived in the family of his master, and was far from being pleasantly situated.

He was subject to seasons of despondency and extreme loneliness. On one of these homesick occasions he composed the following beautiful lines, as he used to say, under the following circumstances.

One night, during his wakeful hours, he called his God to mind, and his thoughts reverted to his youthful home and the scenes of domestic bliss which he once enjoyed. Contrasting it with his lonely and trying condition, sleep forsook his eyes and anguish filled his heart, when he sought relief by composing the following lines upon "The Family Bible."

INTRODUCTION.

THE FAMILY-BIBLE.*

How painfully pleasing the fond recollection
 Of youthful emotion and innocent joy,
 When blest with parental advice and affection,
 Surrounded with mercies and peace from on high!
 I still view the chair of my sire and my mother,
 The seats of their offspring as ranged on each hand,
 And that richest book which excels every other,
 That family Bible which lay on the stand;
 The old-fashioned Bible, the dear, blessed Bible,
 The family Bible that lay on the stand.

That Bible, the Volume of God's inspiration,
 At morn and at evening could yield us delight;
 The prayer of our sire was a sweet invocation
 For mercy by day, and safety through night;
 Our hymns of thanksgiving with harmony swelling,
 All warm from the heart of a family band,
 Half raised us from earth to that rapturous dwelling,
 Described in the Bible that lay on the stand;
 The old-fashioned Bible, the dear, blessed Bible,
 The family Bible that lay on the stand.

Ye scenes of tranquillity! long have we parted!
 My hopes almost gone, and my parents no more!
 In sorrow and sadness I live broken hearted,
 And wander unknown on a far distant shore.
 Yet how can I doubt a dear Saviour's protection,
 Forgetful of gifts from his bountiful hand?
 Oh! let me with patience receive his correction,
 And think of the Bible that lay on the stand;
 The old-fashioned Bible, the dear, blessed Bible,
 The family Bible that lay on the stand.

At the close of his apprenticeship it is probable he became, for a short time, a resident of Boston. The following letter, written to him by his brother in England, was directed to him, "Boston, in New England."

Chester 26th }
 Jany. 1697. }

DEAR BROTHER,—I received yours of the 27th February but about ten weeks since, and designed to have answered it before this time, had I not waited Mr. Campbell's returning to Boston, which I am informed will soon be very speedily. I am heartily glad to hear that you are so well pleased with your trade, and that it is so beneficial in that Country, the weaving trade here (especially silk weaving) having of late met with the greatest discouragement of any trade whatsoever. I have taken care to get a friend to buy for you the wool, Combs and Shuttles you desire, being as good I suppose as any that can be got in England, which I do send you by Mr. Campbell. The

* Doubts having been expressed as to his being the author of these verses, it may be proper to state that the evidence is mainly on the testimony of Joseph Adams, Mary Ann Oldham, Elizabeth Washburn and A. Mitchell. The three last named affirm that they have heard his granddaughter, Mercy Adams, often repeat these verses, and say that she learned them of her grandfather, Francis Adams. This Mercy Adams died in 1843, aged 90 years, and had a very retentive memory, and her statements were considered very reliable by those who knew her intimately. Besides this evidence, there are other corroborating circumstances. The reader can judge for himself in the matter. The lines appeared in the Charleston Courier, S. C., in 1818, and were taken from another paper; but they cannot at present be traced in print beyond that year.

In addition to the above testimony, Dr. Ezekiel Holmes, formerly of Kingston, but now of Winthrop, Me., and editor of the Maine Farmer, says: "During the years 1814 to 1817, I often listened to Mrs. Mercy Adams while she recited the 'Family Bible.' She always called them 'grandfather's verses.' I always supposed by that he was the author of them, and still suppose so. Next to my parents, there is no mortal being whose memory I revere more than aunt Mercy's. She deserves a high niche in your monument of the family." (See extracts from Dr. Holmes's letter on page 16.)

Shuttles cost 12s..6d., the wool Combs £1..13s..6d., and as a farther token of my affection have sent per same hand a small roll of Bond Lace, which cost me here £3..8s..2½d. as particularly appears underneath, but hope it will be worth more than double as much when it comes to your hands, this being a commodity that (as Mr. Campbell informs me) would turn to as good account as any, and I hope you will make good use of the produce of it, and improve it for your own Advantage. I am noe little troubled that Providence hath separated us so far asunder—that we have so little communication together by letter or otherwise, but we must submit to the will of God (who knows what is best for us) and be content. And since you are now betaking yourself to the world, I advise you to follow yor calling Industiously, husband what you get, prudently avoyd tippling and drinking as much as you conveniently can, always associate yorselſe with good company, and have a care of running in debt, [] you get by yor employ, live under it, if possible, for it adds much to the Comfort of life to have something beforehand, tho' never so little, whereas it is a vexation and disturbance to be lyable to the dunns of People without the wherewith to satisfy them. Perhaps what I write you may be somewhat unnecessary (being at years of discretion yorselſe) but I know you will put a favourable construction upon it, because what I write is intended to doe you good, and is purely out of the great love and affection I bear towards you. I continue still a Batchelor, being unwilling to betake myself to a married life these troublesome and unsettled tymes, tho' if I had an inclination that way, I am satisfied that I might get as good a wife as I can expect to deserve. I desire you to let us have a line or two from you by every ship that's bound for England from yor parts, which the partys you send by may put into the post office when they land in England or Ireland, and it will come safe to my hand, which will much oblige me, for I shall be very joyful to hear of your health and well doing, but you must not Expect to hear very often from me, because I cannot have such opportunitys of sending to you as you have to me, there being not one ship in seven years tyme, bound from these parts where I live to Boston. My sister writes to you herself, so shall say nothing as to her, but that she is in good health. All friends here are very well, and some tymes Enquire after you, desiring to be remembered to you, tho' you are almost worn out of their memory, you haveing left these parts so young. I have nothing to add but my hearty prayers to God to direct, guide and prosper you in all your ways, and remayne,

Dear Brother,

Yours most affectionately

whilst

RICHARD ADAMS.

"for

Mr. Francis Adams

Boston in New England

With care."

By the above, and from other sources, it appears that Francis and Richard were brothers, and lived in Chester, England. Richard was a merchant, Francis a weaver. Francis came to Boston probably between 1690 and 1693. He left England when young, and was in Boston as late as 1697, and probably not married in 1697, as Richard makes no allusion to his having a wife. We do not know when he moved to the Old Colony, or at what time he was married.

From the tone of this affectionate letter, it is evident Francis contemplated starting business for himself, and the letter probably reached him about the time of his attaining his majority, as his brother speaks of his "betaking himself to the world, and being at years of discretion."

There are no facts to show that he commenced business in Boston or elsewhere before 1700. The following letter from his brother shows that he was in want of articles for the dyeing business, and had sent to his brother in England for them, and no doubt was then carrying on, or intending to carry on, the business.

Chester, May 20, 1700.

DEAR BROTHER,—I received your kind letter dated the 16th November, 1699, in January last, and thank you for the full account you give me in relation to the trade

of your Country, but our merchants here have had so bad encouragement in trade this last year, that they are so disheartened that I cannot prevail with any of them to joyn with me in sending a ship or any other adventure to yor parts—and I for my own part am concerned in two ships that went for Virginia in November, 1698, which are but just returned, having been forced to stay in the country a whole year for want of loading, so that I am afraid I shall loose the greater part of £100 by them, which makes me almost as backward in adventuring as the rest of our young merchants.

I had answered yrs sooner, but that I was in hopes we should have sent a ship to your parts. As to the Mather and other Dyeing stuffs which you desire, we have none of them in our parts but what we have from London, so that I have no conveniency of buying nor opportunity of sending them to you, but in case any of yor merchants come to this Kingdom, which you can intrust to purchase such goods, I shall give due honor to any small Bill you shall draw on me towards paying for them. To write anything of our news to you will be altogether insignificant, your being so great a stranger here—but I cannot omit telling you that we have lately obtained an act of Parliament for making our River of Chester navigable, which if we can accomplish, our trade in consequence must increase considerably.

I have marryed (as I told you in my last) a very good wife, by whom I have a son about six months old. Several of our relations and friends frequently enquire after yor welfare, and it's no small satisfaction to me that you are in so hopeful a way of living.

I pray God to prosper all yor honest Endeavors to his glory and yor own Comfort.

I am, with myne and wifes love and service to you,

Yr Ever loving and affectionate Brother,

Pray omit no opportunity
of writing to me.

RICHARD ADAMS.

"for one

Mr. Francis Adams."

This letter was directed on the outside "for Mr. Francis Adams," but to no particular place; and it is quite likely that it was about the time of his removal to Plymouth, as it is supposed he became a resident of that town about the year 1700.

The year of his marriage is not known, but it is thought to have been soon after 1700. He married Mary Buck, of Scituate, Mass., daughter of Thomas, son of Isaac Buck of that town. Tradition says she was a woman of considerable energy, and was an excellent weaver, which in that day was regarded of much importance.

Facts gleaned from various sources, show that her accomplishments were not confined to weaving, but in all domestic matters she not only discharged ably and with fidelity her duties as a wife and mother, but was capable of administering wholesome hints and suggestions to the various members of the domestic circle.

She joined the Church at Plymouth, in 1708, and after her removal to Kingston, united with the Church at that place. She died May 1, 1769, aged nearly 85, having survived her husband eleven years. They lived in the married state more than half a century, and had seven children, all born in Plymouth. The first was born in 1704, and the last in 1721. All of them married in the Old Colony and raised large families. The whole number of Francis and Mary's grand-children was sixty-five.

The year he settled in Plymouth cannot be fixed, but it was probably about 1700. He was chosen a Constable of Plymouth, March 12, 1704, and also chosen on the jury for that town in August, 1704, and in the years 1706, 1708 and 1710. The following is copied from the Journal of the General Assembly of the Province of Massachusetts Bay:—

"June 27, 1706. The following order passed in the House of Representatives, was read and agreed to, viz.:

"Ordered, That the Treasurer be directed to receive the Counterfeit Bill of Credit of twenty Shillings hereunto annexed, and deliver to Francis Adams, Constable of Plymouth, a true bill in lieu thereof."

It appears that the General Court passed an Act, May 1, 1704, protecting constables and others against loss from counterfeit bills of credit, and he thus served himself against this small loss at that time.

It is also on record that —

"Dec. 1704. Francis Adams and Mary Buck his wife relinquished all their right and interest in her fathers Thomas Buck estate for six pounds currant silver money."

He lived at the foot of what is now called Spring Lane, on Market Street, near the brook. He became a land owner soon after removing there, as will be seen by the following from the Records.

"March 9, 1705. Francis Adams bought of George Barrows for five pounds a piece of land near Nath'l Thomas fulling mill—being fifty feet in breadth, and extending in length from the highway to the mill pond."

"Feb. 18, 1707. Francis Adams bought of Thos. Lothrop a lot of land for seventeen pounds and five shilling at Manomet ponds brook."

"May 10, 1708. At a town meeting, voted that Francis Adams should have the remainder of the land 22 feet along the bank of his dwelling down to the land the town granted to Mr. Nath'l Thomas for the conveniences of laying his fire wood on."

"March 21, 1709. Francis Adams entered into an agreement to keep and maintain along his ground at the foot of Spring Hill, a fit and secure highway for carts and horses."

"Francis Adams sold Oct. 20, 1709, to Humphrey Turner, a lot of land at Manomet Pond for 60 pounds."

"March 12, 1712. Francis Adams sold to E. Dunham a certain house and piece of land lying and being in Plymouth near the prison house on the road that goes over the town brook."

"Sept. 1, 1714. Francis Adams gave up to Joshua Bramhall all his interest in a piece of land in Plymouth."

"Jan. 22, 1719. Francis Adams sold to Jonathan Eames for 65 pounds his house foot of Spring Hill."

"March 23, 1720. Francis Adams sold John Gould his dye house &c. at Manomet ponds."

"Sept. 21, 1727. Francis Adams bought of Wm. Coomer his land in Kingston for 110 pounds."

From these dates and records it seems he had a dye house at Manomet Ponds, and probably carried on the dyeing and weaving business there, and also at or near his residence at the foot of Spring Hill, in Plymouth.

He sold his property in Plymouth about 1720, and soon after became a resident of Kingston; but the year he moved there cannot be fixed. It is evident he did not leave Plymouth till after 1721, as he was chosen on a committee that year to check the ravages of the small pox. Record is made of his being on other town committees, and of his holding various offices in that town.

In 1727, he bought land in Kingston of William Coomer, clothier. This land was situated by the side of Jones's River, adjoining the old fulling-mill, and at the foot of the hill by the road leading to Plympton. He built on this land a weaving shop and dwelling house. The shop is still standing, and the house yet remains, although it has been considerably enlarged. He carried on business at this place until age and its infirmities prevented him from attending to its duties, and resided at the house he built until his death, which occurred April 16, 1758, at the age of 81 years.

Soon after he settled in Kingston, he was elected to offices of honor and trust. In 1729, he was chosen Selectman and Assessor, and was annually elected to this office until 1737, except the year 1732. In 1745 and 1746, he was Town Clerk, and Moderator of town meeting five times from 1731 to 1743.

March 22, 1731. The town chose Nicolas Sever and Francis Adams agents to act in behalf of the town to manage the case pending between Weymouth and Kingston.

At another time he was chosen agent for the town to do what may be proper at the Inferior Court about the County rate. He was also chosen to see to the repairing of the Meeting-house; to procure suitable school-masters; and other town affairs at various times.

From these and other facts, it is evident he was held in much esteem by his townsmen. He possessed considerable knowledge of legal matters, and at one time made the laws quite a study, and was often consulted in matters of this character. At times, when necessary, and to accommodate his friends, he would engage in the preparation of legal documents. Yet he never sought, but rather declined the business, as it was not in accordance with his taste. It is said that when once urged to accept some judicial position, he declined, saying, if one wishes to run a race, he should not fill his pockets with stones—referring to Hebrews, chap. xii.

The religious sentiment was strongly the predominating one in him. He chose rather to run well the Christian race than to receive worldly honors.

He was emphatically a man of peace. Tradition has handed down numerous anecdotes illustrative of his patience, forbearance, and forgiving disposition. Among the papers now in possession of one of his descendants, there is one in his own handwriting and signature, showing how he was inclined to cultivate a peaceful spirit. From this writing, it seems there was a difference of views between himself and others in regard to certain rights and privileges in a piece of land; that ill feeling had in consequence sprung up, and a disposition evinced by some of the parties to resort to legal measures to settle the matter. In this position of affairs, his conciliatory disposition was manifested, as will be seen by the following extract:—

"I am ashamed that we should spend time and money to settle about a piece of land, and when all is done it prove abortive; but if all be yet agreed, I think I can write what will be sufficient in the case. * * * Let there be no strife between us, for we are brethren. Shall the sword devour forever? Know ye not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from us, with all malice, and be we kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. By Divine assistance I will comply with the above writing.

FRANCIS ADAMS."

Such a spirit reflects greatly to his credit. He seems to have cultivated the Christian graces, and while he observed to a certain extent the forms and ceremonies of religion, he never regarded them as essential, but loved to acknowledge his Master before men, and speak often of God's goodness and the joys and consolations of religion.

It is evident he was no formalist, for tradition says of him, that when urged to connect himself with the Church, he remarked that personally he did not deem it essential, as he felt that he was Christ's and Christ was his—thus showing he had an "evidence within" of a nearness to God, and an assurance that he had made his calling and election sure, which no ceremonies or church connections could aid or strengthen. Few indeed, then, or even now, could run the Christian race, or think they could walk with God, without leaning on the Church.

It seems, however, for some reasons, he modified somewhat his views on this point, as he joined the Plymouth Church in 1714. His wife joined the same Church in 1708. After their removal to Kingston, they became members of the Church in that town.

More than a century having elapsed since his decease, it has been difficult to obtain many written documents in regard to his sayings and doings; but much has been handed down, showing that he was a man of industrious habits, of pleasant address, and of a gentle disposition. He was of rather small stature, unassuming, and of

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of Francis

modest mien, ever ready to perform offices of kindness to the needy and suffering, and to give words of comfort and encouragement to those in trouble, and to advise and warn the erring.

During the few last years of his life, when age and infirmities had unfitted him for business, he loved to visit his relatives, friends and neighbors. Supported by the cane now in the possession of one of his descendants, his form, bent by age, could be seen moving from house to house, speaking, with grateful emotions, of God's mercies, dealing faithfully with all concerning their spiritual good, and expressing an interest in their temporal affairs; for he seemed to have ever felt and acted on the principle that piety to God and love to man must go hand in hand to constitute the true Christian life and character.

He seems to have possessed considerable talents, judging from various pieces of prose and poetry said to have been written by him, some of which may be found in this work.

The following is said to have been written by him, and no doubt most of it was:—

Love for love is but justice and gratitude; love for no love is favor and kindness; but love for hatred and enmity is a most divine temper.

Rise early to your business, and oblige good men, and learn good things; these are three things that you shall never repent of.

Drunkenness is a pair of spectacles, through which we may see the devil in all his works. This is the fruitful parent of distempers and ill life.

Man is a watch, which must be looked to and wound up every day.

The expectation of future happiness is the best relief of anxious thoughts, and the most effectual cure of melancholy, the guide of life and comfort of death.

It is a certain maxim, that such persons as take themselves out of God's protection, are always at a loss and know not how to dispose of themselves.

There is a time when thou mayst say something, and a time when thou mayst say nothing; but never will there be a time when thou shouldst say all things.

To render good for evil is god-like, to render evil for good is devil-like, to render evil for evil is beast-like.

If pride were an Art, we should have many teachers. Pride is an abomination in the sight of God.

I envy no man who knows more than myself, but pity him who knows less.

Make no acquaintance with those whom nothing will satisfy but that you go to hell with them for company.

Make good use of time, if you love eternity; reflect that yesterday cannot be recalled, to-morrow cannot be assured; to-day only is yours, which, if you procrastinate, you lose, which, if lost, is lost forever.

When a man jests upon religion, or declares it is indifferent what religion we are of, it is most certain that he is of no religion at all.

Useful knowledge can have no enemies but the ignorant; it cherishes youth, delights the aged, is an ornament in prosperity, and yields comfort in adversity.

We must needs have some concern when we look into our losses; but if we consider how little we deserve what is left, our murmurs will turn into thankfulness. Wealth lost, some lost—health lost, much lost—virtue lost, more lost—soul lost, All lost, and lost forever!

Beauty is a flower which soon withers, health changes and strength abates; but Innocence is immortal, and a comfort both in life and in death. The young may die shortly, but the aged cannot live long. Green fruit must be plucked off or shaken down, but the ripe will fall of itself.

Contentment is the truest riches, and covetousness the greatest poverty.

To be humble to superiors is a duty; to equals, courteous; to inferiors, nobleness; to all, safety.

In your discourse, take heed what you speak and to whom you speak, how you speak and when you speak.

It is better to be of the number of those who need relief, than of those who want a heart to give it.

There is but one solid pleasure in life, and that is our duty. How miserable are those who make that one a pain.

Reckon not upon long life—think every day the last.

I am living for eternity! Woes make the shortest time seem long, and joys make the longest time seem short. O eternity, eternity is that which makes woes woes, and joys joys indeed.

Prepare to meet thy God.

Lines written after his Recovery from Sickness.

When sickness invades, when sorrows depress,
When the deep-heaving sigh speaks heart-felt distress,
When friends are unfaithful and brethren unkind,
When dark, gloomy scenes obtrude on the mind,
Wealth loses its value, no honours are sought,
When time highly prized is passing for naught,
When alone and unheeded life's transient hours
Are passed in vain strife with opposing powers—

If you have a kind friend who ever is near,
To soothe the pained bosom and wipe off the tear,
You then may be cheerful, let nothing depress,
No foe uninvited will e'er have access.

Oh! what is that I hear from yonder grove?
Awake! my listening ear, Attend! my love.
It is some heavenly guest,
Inviting me to rest
On my Redeemer's breast,
Sent from above.

My willing soul attend without delay,
Some heavenly dove descend and point the way
To soft retirement shade,
And bless me with a glade,
And be my hand and aid,
Lest I should miss.

Written when in trouble.

Be kind to the care-worn wearied soul
That pants and struggles for repose.
Oh! that my soul might reach the goal
Where earthly sighs and sorrows close.

The world, the flesh and Satan
Beset me on each hand,
Bestrew my way with evil
To bar me from the land.

But Jesus still invites me,
Saying, "Come and follow me,
For I have fought your battles
And gained you liberty."

Ah! why are you discouraged
Since Jesus is your friend?
And if you want more knowledge,
He'll not refuse to lend.

Neither will he upbraid you,
Though often you request;
He'll give you grace to conquer
And take you home to rest.

Our God, our Father, hear.

When morn awakes our hearts
To pour the early prayer,
When toil-worn day departs
And gives a pause to Care:
When those our souls love best,
Kneel with us in thy fear,
To ask thy peace and rest,
Our God, our Father, hear.

When worldly snares without,
And evil thoughts within,
Of grace would raise a doubt,
Or lure us back to sin;
When human strength proves frail,
And will but half sincere,
When faith begins to fail,
Our God, our Father, hear.

When in our cup of mirth
The drop of trembling falls,
And the frail props of earth
Are crumbling round our walls;
When back we gaze with grief
And forward glance with fear,
When faileth man's relief,
Our God, our Father, hear.

And when death's awful hand
Unbars the gate of time,
Eternity's dim land
Disclosing dread sublime,
When flesh and spirit quake
Before thee to appear,
O then, for Jesus sake,
Our God, our Father, hear.

Extract from a Letter of Dr. E. Holmes, of Winthrop, Me., dated January 9, 1861.

"Mrs. MERCY ADAMS was a very humble and unpretending person, a very remarkable woman. I have never met with a person of more tenacious memory, nor one who, with so few advantages of early education, had it so well stored with so many facts and traditions. Her father was a man of extensive observation and reading for that day, and besides this, he boarded the minister for a number of years. This gave his daughter many opportunities to learn much from the influential men of that eventful period, and what she once heard or observed she never forgot. I have sat many a long evening and listened to her account of men and events of those days, and which she would portray in simple yet expressive language.

"The historical events and traditions of old Plymouth and vicinity before her day, had also been stored up in her strong memory, and she would readily give place and date of their occurrence. One thing which always attracted the young to her fireside, was the great store of ballads she had treasured up in her memory, and the good-natured readiness with which she would sing or *chant* (she was not much of a singer) to us any thing of the kind we called for. They were of all kinds, from 'Cruel Barbara Allen' and 'Capt. Kidd,' up to the truly sentimental and more solemn and instructive composition of the times. Hence it was we so often heard and clearly remember 'grandfather's verses,' the old 'Family Bible.' I once undertook to write off many of the ballads and 'verses' as she recited them, and had, before going to Providence College, in 1817, quite a large lot of them in manuscript. I left them at home, and they are probably lost. I would give much for them now. Among these were some choice *gems* of Kingston production, descriptive of some of the follies and vagaries of early days in the old town, done up in rhyme, full of sarcasm and Yankee drollery of expression. But this fund of ancient lore and song was but a small part of the good qualities which endeared her to all acquainted with her. She was upright, honest, industrious, frugal, kind, and affectionate in all the walks of life. She was a mother indeed, not only to her own family, but to all within the circle of her acquaintance. Ever ready to listen to the calls for aid or counsel, you would always find her where there was sickness or grief, spreading comfort, hope and encouragement wherever she went. Her days of usefulness were long extended. I last saw her when she was at the age of 90. Her bodily powers felt the debilitating effects of time, but her mind was apparently as clear and as strong as ever. She went to the 'better land' soon after, and although an humble and unobtrusive woman, has left but few behind her of equal merit in all that characterizes the true worth of woman.

"Her husband, FRANCIS ADAMS, was a very clever man, and a good neighbor. He was a farmer, and never turned his mind to any other pursuit. He brought up his family respectably. He loved a good joke, and could give and take one with jolly glee, and his clear and sonorous laugh at some of our boyish pranks I can hear yet in the mind's ear."

"Capt. MELZAR ADAMS, brother to Mercy Adams, was a tall, stout, athletic, but slow-moulded man.

*'A train band captain eke was he
Of famous Kingston town.'*

"I have a vivid recollection of him as being the first military officer my mortal eyes ever beheld, and well remember the profound awe I looked to him as he strode along with slow and measured tramp before the 'mighty men of war,' whom he commanded on Kingston Green. I was a little urchin at the time, and was permitted by my mother to go with some 'bigger boys' to see the 'Trainers.' A little before that, she had been reading to me the story of David and Goliath. At the first view of the Captain, standing six feet high, with a tall Bounaparte hat on his head, and a plume on top of that, with Suwarrow boots on his legs, with a big tassel in front on top of each of these, a 'long tailed blue' trimmed with buff on his back, and a big epaulette upon his shoulder, a long spontoon in his hand, and a heavy sword hung at his side, I crept up to my companion and anxiously inquired of him if that was Goliath? Had the veritable old champion of the Philistines stood really up before me, I should not have been struck with more dread and awe than I was at the honest, harmless, clever old Captain then in command. I believe all my respect and veneration for the military died with him."

"SAMUEL ADAMS, son of Capt. Melzar Adams, is deserving of honorable mention. He was a lame man, and lived in Kingston. He was the first inventor of an American Reaping Machine. It never came into general use, and was at that time considered visionary. It was patented in 1805. Reaping machines are now a great institution, and a proof that our friend Samuel was half a century before his time in that respect."

* The deleted text was based on statements made by her
to George Adams, Author of the Genealogy.

GENEALOGY

Of the Adams Family of Kingston, Mass.

FRANCIS ADAMS was born in England, 1677; died
in Kingston, April 16, 1758.*

MARRIED

MARY BUCK, who was born in Scituate, June 26, 1684;
died in Kingston, May 1, 1769.

She was the daughter of Thomas, son of Isaac Buck.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE

- I. MARY. born Nov. 16, 1704; married Nathaniel Atwood.
- II. JEMIMA. born June 12, 1707; m. Barnabas Shurtleff.
- III. THOMAS. born May 8, 1709; m. Bathsheba Bradford.
- IV. FRANCIS, born Sept. 27, 1711; m. Keziah Atwood.
- V. JOHN, born June 14, 1714; m. Thankfull Washburn.
- VI. RICHARD, born June 14, 1719; m. Mary Carver.
- MIL. SARAH. born , 1721; m. Elisha Stetson.

* The following are the inscriptions on the grave-stones.

Here lies Buried
Mr. FRANCIS ADAMS,
Who died
April 16,
1758,
in the 81 Year
of his age.

In memory of
Mrs. MARY ADAMS,
widow of Mr.
Francis Adams,
who died May ye 1st,
1769, aged 84
years 10 months
5 days,

CHILDREN OF
(I.) MARY, DAUGHTER OF FRANCIS ADAMS
AND MARY HIS WIFE.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column give the numbers of the descendants—those at the end of the name refer to their children.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Mary (1) was born in Plymouth, Nov. 16, 1704; died Oct. 6, 1744, in Plympton; married Nathaniel Atwood, of Plympton. He died Jan. 20, 1767, aged 64.

THIRD GENERATION.

(1) *Children of MARY (ADAMS) and NATHANIEL ATWOOD.*

2. Francis, born May, 1720; m. Elizabeth Lucas.
3. Mary, born Dec. 9, 1723; m. Benjamin Shaw.
4. Nathaniel, born Dec. 11, 1725; died Oct. 19, 1804; m., first, Susanna Shurtleff—second, Elizabeth Timbertake.
5. Sarah, born ———; m. Joseph Barrows.
6. Mercy, born ———; m. ——— Warren.
7. Ebenezer, born May 22, 1735; m. L. Churchill.
8. Keziah, born Dec. 1, 1737; m. George Williams.
9. William, born April 5, 1740; d. April, 1814; m. Lydia Tillson.
10. Joseph, born Aug. 1, 1741; m., first, Elizabeth Shaw—second, widow Content Pratt.
11. Ichabod, born Sept. 24, 1744; m. Hannah Shaw.

The descendants of Mary are quite numerous, and a large proportion of them lived in the Old Colony and many reside there at the present time.

CHILDREN OF
(II.) JEMIMA, DAUGHTER OF FRANCIS ADAMS
AND MARY HIS WIFE.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Jemima (1), born in Plymouth, Jan. 12, 1707 ; died in Plympton, Nov. 26, 1773 ; m. Barnabas Shurtliff, of Plympton. He died May 18, 1759, aged 64.

THIRD GENERATION.

- (1) *Children of JEMIMA (ADAMS) and BARNABAS SHURTLIFF.*
2. Susanna, born in Plympton, Jan. 12, 1727 ; m. Nathaniel Atwood, her cousin. He died Oct. 19, 1804, aged 79.
3. Jemima, born in Plympton, July 24, 1730 ; died Sept. 24, 1781 ; m. Ebenezer Lawrence.
4. Barnabas, born in Plympton, Nov. 28, 1733 ; died Sept. 20, 1745.
5. Mary, born " Nov. 24, 1735 ; d. Sept. 26, 1745.
6. Francis, born " April 8, 1738 ; d. Aug. 14, 1794 ; m. Mary Shaw.
7. Caleb, born " Nov. 12, 1740 ; died Sept. 2, 1745.
8. Elizabeth, born in Plympton, June 27, 1743 ; m. Hezekiah Cole.
9. Molly, born " Nov. 1, 1747 ; m. Isaac Perkins.
10. Barnabas, born " June 3, 1750 ; m. Phebe Harlow.

The children of Jemima mostly settled in the Old Colony. To trace them out would have been an interesting and agreeable act ; but it would have essentially delayed the publication of this work.

DESCENDANTS OF

(III.) THOMAS, SON OF FRANCIS ADAMS
AND MARY HIS WIFE.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column give the numbers of the descendants—those at the end of the name refer to their children.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Thomas (1), born in Plymouth, May 8, 1709; died 1769; married Bathsheba Bradford, daughter of Israel, son of William, who was the son of Gov. William Bradford. He was captain of a coasting vessel many years—lived near Stony Brook, in Kingston, and owned most of the land from Meeting-house lot to Black-Water Brook.

THIRD GENERATION.

(1) *Children of THOMAS and BATHSHEBA.*

2. Sarah (2), born in Kingston, Dec. 3, 1732; died there April 17, 1818; married, first, Caleb Cook, and had two children—married, second, Gershom Cobb, but had no issue. She was much esteemed, and was quite celebrated for her wit and sarcasm; many of her sayings are still extant. She joined the Church in Kingston about the year 1800.
3. Joshua (3), born in Kingston, Nov. 21, 1735; died 1782; married Mary Godfrey, who died in Kingston, Dec. 18, 1809, aged 72. She married, second, Sylvanus Cook, of Kingston. She belonged to the Church, and was much respected in the place. He was by trade a blacksmith. He joined the Continental Army, and died, while in it, of a fever.
4. Bartlett, born March 19, 1738; died May 27, 1741.
5. Nathaniel, born Nov. 18, 1740; died at sea, unmarried.
6. Mary, born Sept. 3, 1744; died February, 1764, unmarried.
7. Deborah, born Oct. 17, 1747; died Feb. 24, 1826, unmarried. She was not so much distinguished for beauty as for excellent sense. In the weaving of cloth and carpets, she could not be excelled.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(2) *Children of SARAH (ADAMS) and CALEB COOK.*

8. Bartlett, born ; died 3 years of age.
9. Amos (4), born ; died ; married, first, Lydia Stetson, who died Feb., 1785, aged 25; second, Eunice Eaton.

(3) *Children of JOSHUA ADAMS and MARY.*

10. Sarah (5), born in Kingston, April 28, 1760; died in Plympton, Jan. 8, 1832; married John Perkins of that town. He died April 23, 1826, aged 68.
11. Saba (6), born in Kingston, June 12, 1762; died in Wrentham, June 10, 1848. She was a pious woman, and took a deep

interest in the genealogy of the family. She married Deacon Zack. Cushman, of Plympton, who died at Needham, June 11, 1826, *æ.* 73.

12. Joshua (7), born in Kingston, July 8, 1767; died in Thomaston, Maine, Oct. 12, 1829; married Nancy Gray, of Barnstable; she died Sept. 4, 1856, aged 85.

He was by trade a blacksmith, a most worthy man, and esteemed by all who knew him. The following brief sketch and just tribute to his memory is from his son, Samuel G. Adams, Esq.

"My father married in 1789, and moved to the town of Northport, Maine (then a part of Massachusetts), where he resided 6 years, laboring at his trade, and built one or two vessels; then removed to Owl's Head, in Thomaston, where he remained until his death. He was one of the early pioneers of Maine, built in Northport the first *framed house* in said town—was Postmaster there when the mail was carried on horseback, there being then no carriage road—only foot-paths.

"On removing to Owl's Head, he commenced ship building and trade—was successful until the war of 1812 between this and the mother country. During this period, from 1812 to 1815, his business was interrupted and he lost most of his property—several of his vessels were taken by the British privateers. At the close of the war he renewed his business efforts, and, at the close of his life, left his family in possession of a respectable estate. He commenced life without the advantage of early education, but possessed decision of character and a fixed determination to accomplish what he undertook. He became, at length, in his business transactions, a practical merchant of the day in which he lived. He was a man of social feelings—secured a large circle of friends—held office in town and state, having represented the town of Thomaston in the Legislature of Massachusetts when Maine was a part of that State. He was a friend of the poor, a member of the Baptist Church for the last twenty years of his life, and decidedly useful in all the relations of life."

13. Thomas (8), born in Kingston, Feb. 13, 1770; died in Boston, Sept. 1, 1810; married Mercy, daughter of Deacon Thomas Savery, of Carver, a descendant of Elder Faunce, the last Ruling Elder of the Plymouth Church. She afterwards married Dr. Gad Hitchcock, of Hanson. Amiable in all the relations of life, her memory is affectionately cherished. She died in Boston, March 19, 1838, aged 69.

The following obituary of her is from the Old Colony Memorial:—

"Died, in Boston on the 19th inst., Mrs. Mercy Hitchcock, aged 69 years, widow of the late Dr. Gad Hitchcock, of Hanson, Mass. During her last illness, she evinced an extraordinary degree of patience and resignation, and such was her confidence in God, and so bright were her hopes of a glorious immortality, that death was disarmed of its terrors; and she would exclaim, 'Though I walk through the dark valley, and the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for the Lord is my strength and my salvation.'

"For her children, she ever manifested an unusually strong and self-sacrificing affection, which entwined her around the tenderest sensibilities of their hearts. To them this is a trying dispensation.

"In the benevolent operations of the day she took the deepest interest; and the oppressed and afflicted did not appeal to her sympathy in vain."

Mr. Adams learned the carpenter's trade, and the first year after his marriage lived in Plympton—moved to Boston in 1793. He was a man of great enterprise and industry, and much respected. He was an extensive contractor and builder of houses at the north part of the city, where he resided. During the few last years of his life, he kept a wood wharf at what was then the foot of North Street, adjoining the Winnisimett Ferry. In politics he was an ardent republican, and belonged to various societies in which he took an active part. Esteemed in life, he died much lamented.

14. Mary (9), born in Kingston, 1772; died there August 13, 1842; married Seth Perkins, of Plympton. He died at Kingston, Dec. 8, 1818, aged 52. She was a person of much energy and industry—was beloved by all for her many virtues and self-sacrifices. Selfishness was no element in her character. She was of a cheerful disposition—possessed ready wit. Her apt expressions and musical laugh made her society desirable. She belonged to no church, but was a practical christian, going about doing good and acting the part of the Good Samaritan. Useful in life to the sick and distressed, she died with their blessing, and is held in grateful remembrance.
15. Bathsheba (10), born in Kingston, Jan. 1, 1775; died at South Boston, March 23, 1845; married Daniel Bradford, of Plympton. He died at South Boston, Oct. 23, 1833, aged 59. She was a professor of religion, and first joined the Church in Kingston in early life. She was ever ready to visit the sick and distressed.

FIFTH GENERATION.

(4) *Children of AMOS COOK and LYDIA.*

16. Sarah, born Feb. 14, 1781.
17. Caleb, born April 21, 1783.
By his second wife, Eunice.
18. Bartlett, born Dec. 18, 1787.
19. Priscilla, born Feb. 13, 1789; died Feb. 1, 1811, unmarried.
20. Lydia, born Aug. 15, 1790.
21. Deborah, born Aug. 29, 1792.
22. Eunice, born Dec. 17, 1793.

(5) *Children of SARAH (ADAMS) and JOHN PERKINS.*

23. Joshua (11), born Dec. 23, 1786; died Feb. 9, 1821; married Betsey Morton, of Plymouth.
24. Betsey, born April 8, 1790; died Dec. 8, 1831; married Nathaniel Sylvester, of Halifax.
25. Charles, born May 29, 1792; died April 3, 1819, unmarried.

- 26. Thomas (12), born Nov. 30, 1796 ; m. Phebe Curtis, of Scituate.
- 27. John (13), born Aug. 8, 1799 : married Adeline Tupper, of Kingston. He is by trade a hatter—has carried on that business in Kingston and other places—moved to Plymouth about 1840, and has held several offices in that town. Was Deputy Sheriff, and afterwards held the office of Sheriff of that County.
- 28. Daniel (14), born Feb. 13, 1803 ; married Louisa Barrows, of Carver.
- 29. Sally A. (15), born Aug. 16, 1807 ; married Darius Holmes, of Halifax.
- 30. Beza, born Nov. 3, 1809 : died Nov. 20, 1840, unmarried.
These children were born in Plympton.

(6) *Children of SABA (ADAMS) and ZACK. CUSHMAN.*

- 31. Sally (16), born Sept. 29, 1783 : died Sept. 20, 1843 : married, first, Thomas Sturtevant, of Middleboro' ; second, I. Cushman, of Maine.
- 32. Levi (17), born Sept. 4, 1785 : died Oct. 29, 1817.
- 33. Nancy (18), born Oct. 10, 1789 ; died Sept. 6, 1817 ; married Josiah Robbins, of Plymouth.
These children were born in Plympton.

(7) *Children of JOSHUA ADAMS and NANCY.*

- 34. Nancy (19), born in Thomaston, Feb. 10, 1792 ; married Joshua Fuller, of Northport, Me. He died in Castine, 1856, aged 78.
- 35. Saba, born in Thomaston, June 15, 1795 ; died Oct. 15, 1853, unmarried.
- 36. Mary (20), born in Thomaston, Oct. 15, 1798 ; married Samuel P. Ingraham, of Portland, Me.
- 37. Lydia (21), born in Thomaston, April 13, 1801 ; died Jan. 29, 1830 ; married Thomas McLellan, of St. George, Me.
- 38. Samuel G. (22), born in Thomaston, Sept. 28, 1803 ; married Adeline Cushing, of Camden, Me. He received a good education—unassuming in manner—gentlemanly in deportment—of strict integrity, and sound judgment ; he is regarded as safe in counsel, and respected by all. In early life he served as a clerk in a store, but soon commenced business for himself in Camden, and has been considerably engaged in ship building and navigation—has held town offices, and represented Camden in the Legislature of Maine. He is a member of the Church in Camden, where he resides.
- 39. Joshua C. (23), born in Thomaston, May 9, 1806 ; died Jan. 26, 1858 ; married Nancy Whitney, of Castine, Me. He was of a cheerful disposition and generous bearing. He was a trader and farmer most of his life—took an active part in politics—was a member of the Legislature several years—held town offices, and, during the few last years of his life, an office under the National Government.

(8) *Children of THOMAS ADAMS and MERCY.*

40. A daughter, born in Plympton, Feb. 12, 1793; died same day.
41. Thomas, born Aug. 10, 1794; died Nov. 10, 1795; born and died in Boston.
42. Thomas, born Dec. 23, 1795; died Aug. 23, 1796. Born and died in Boston.
43. John (24), born Jan. 20, 1797; married Nancy Pratt, of Carver. She died in Dedham, March, 1860. He lived in Boston until 1811, and then removed to Carver. He never served his time at any trade, and has been engaged in various employments. In 1841, he became much interested in the cause of temperance, and soon after connected himself with the Methodist Church, and is an active member in the Church, and also in the Temperance Societies. In 1856, he became convinced that the use of tobacco was a sin, and he cast out that devil, having used the "vile weed" over 40 years. He is now a trader in Dedham.
44. George, born July 26, 1800; died Jan. 14, 1803.
45. Thomas (25), born in Boston, Aug. 6, 1802; married Eunice Bugbee, of Pomfret, Vt. In early life he became a resident of Carver, served his time at the hatting business, in Kingston; opened a store in Plymouth in 1826; was chosen a Representative from Plymouth in 1833, and during that year removed to Boston and kept a hat store there till 1850. He still resides in Boston, and is connected with the publication of the Temperance Visitor and kindred operations.
46. Mary (26), born in Boston, Nov., 1805; married, first, John Bent, of Middleboro'; second, Watson Goward, of Croydon, N. H. Now residing at Newton, Mass.
47. George (27), born in Boston, Jan. 10, 1807; married Hannah S. Harlow, of Plymouth. Left Boston in 1811, and lived in Carver and towns adjoining until 1823. Served in a store in Boston 3 years. In 1826 engaged in the hatting business in Plymouth. Removed to Boston in 1835, and kept a hat store there most of the time till 1846, when he commenced the publication of the Boston Directory, and is yet (1860) connected with it. He also publishes Directories and Registers of other cities and States in New England, and also the State of New York. He is the most extensive publisher of this class of books in the United States. Resides at West Newton, and has, in connection with his son, Theodore P. Adams, collected and arranged this genealogy.
48. Ann Maria, born in Boston, March 29, 1809; died Oct. 16, 1810.

(9) *Children of MARY (ADAMS) and SETH PERKINS.*

49. Nathaniel, born in Kingston, July 19, 1792; died Oct. 24, 1812, unmarried.
50. Saba, born in Kingston, Sept. 23, 1795; died April 2, 1854, unmarried.

51. Ezra, born in Kingston, May 24, 1798 ; married Lydia Cook, of Kingston. Has no children. Carries on the blacksmith business, and lives in Kingston.
52. Hannah (28), born in Kingston, Dec. 25, 1800 ; married, first, George Briggs, who died Nov. 28, 1825, aged 31 ; second, Shettlet Read, who died Nov. 13, 1857, aged 59.
53. Mary (29), born in Kingston, July 3, 1806 ; married Albert Howland, of Barnstable.
54. Seth (30), born in Kingston, Dec. 10, 1808 ; married, first, Elizabeth B. Pierce, who died in 1848, aged 31 ; second, Eliza M. Ripley, who died in 1858.
55. William, born in Kingston, Jan. 24, 1812.

(10) *Children of BATHSHEBA (ADAMS) and DANIEL BRADFORD.*

56. Joseph, born July 29, 1802 ; died in Boston, Sept. 20, 1847 ; unmarried.
57. Elizabeth L. (31), born July 27, 1804 : died Dec. 16, 1829 ; married David Holden. He died Dec. 11, 1833, aged 31.
58. Levi, born April 25, 1807 ; died April 30, 1810.
59. Eveline (32), born March 1, 1810 ; married Rev. Converse L. McCurdy.
60. Daniel L., born June 4, 1812 ; m. Mary Jane Neilson, of Boston.
61. George B. (33), born July 15, 1814 ; married Mary L. Hammond, of Boston.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(11) *Children of JOSHUA PERKINS and BETSEY his wife.*

62. Betsey M.
63. James M.
64. Marcia.
65. Charles T.

(12) *Children of THOMAS PERKINS and PHEBE his wife.*

66. Sarah.
67. Delia.
68. Adeline.

(13) *Children of JOHN PERKINS and ADELINE his wife.*

69. Eliza B.
70. Ronald H.
71. Priscilla.

(14) *Children of DANIEL PERKINS and LOUISA his wife.*

72. Sally A.
73. Joseph B.
74. Mary L.
75. Daniel W.
76. Abby B.

(15) *Children of SALLY A. (PERKINS) and DARIUS HOLMES.*

77. Darius E.
78. Nathaniel.

(16) Children of SALLY (CUSHMAN) and THOMAS STURTEVANT.

79. Mary Ann (34), born Dec. 15, 1801 ; married Benjamin N. Shepherd, of Wrentham.
 80. Saba A.,* born Aug. 6, 1804 ; married Dr. W. W. Comstock, of Middleboro'.

(17) Children of LEVI CUSHMAN and ELIZABETH.

81. Zachariah, died young.
 82. Saba A. (35), born Oct. 6, 1816 ; married William Ritchie.

(18) Children of NANCY (CUSHMAN) and JOSIAH ROBBINS.

83. Pella M., born March 29, 1815.
 84. Josiah A., born Jan. 24, 1816 ; died Aug. 24, 1816.
 85. Ann C., born July 21, 1817 ; died Sept. 9, 1817.

(19) Children of NANCY (ADAMS) and JOSHUA FULLER.

86. Nancy A., born Dec. 18, 1809 ; married Thomas McLellen.
 87. Joshua A., born July 7, 1811 ; married Susan Robinson.
 88. Adeline P., born June 26, 1814 ; died Nov. 12, 1840.
 89. Albert, born Feb. 10, 1816 ; married Mary Pierson.
 90. Silas M., born Feb. 24, 1819 ; married Mary A. Pitts.
 91. Thomas S., born April 19, 1821 ; married Elizabeth R. Lufkin.
 92. Harriet, born April 5, 1823 ; died Oct. 4, 1840.
 93. Rebecca, born May 7, 1825 ; married Charles H. Averell.
 94. Ellen S., born July 6, 1828.

All born in Castine, Me.

(20) Children of MARY (ADAMS) and SAMUEL P. INGRAHAM.

95. George B. C., born June 22, 1822 ; a teacher, at the Sandwich Islands
 96. Lydia, born Jan. 6, 1829 ; died Aug. 22, 1845.
 97. Darius H., born Oct. 14, 1837 ; lives in Portland ; an Attorney at Law.

(21) Children of LYDIA (ADAMS) and THOMAS McLELLEN.

98. Mary A., ——— married Benjamin Davis.
 99. Lydia C., ——— married Crocket Wilson.

(22) Children of SAMUEL G. ADAMS and ADALINE.

100. William G. (36), born in Camden, April 14, 1828 ; married Lucy P. Gilkey.
 101. Joshua, born in Camden, Oct. 5, 1829.
 102. Benjamin C. born " " Oct. 12, 1831.
 103. Lucy C. born " " Feb. 16, 1834.
 104. Cynthia W., born " " May 8, 1836.
 105. Florence J., born " " Aug. 4, 1838.
 106. Samuel G., born " " April 23, 1841 ; died Oct. 31, 1857.
 107. Sarah J., born " " Aug. 2, 1843.
 108. Frances E., born " " Sept. 14, 1846.
 109. Ella A., born " " Sept. 28, 1852.

All live in Camden, Me.

* See Note A, at the end of the book.

(23) *Children of JOSHUA C. ADAMS and NANCY.*

- 110. Henry W., born May 6, 1826; unmarried.
- 111. Lucy A., born Aug. 22, 1827; married Moses Gay, of Castine.
- 112. Lydia M., born May 12, 1830; married Henry Pillsbury.
- 113. Charles W., born Feb. 19, 1836; married ——— Ellis.
- 114. Susan F., born March 22, 1837; married ——— Tolman.
- 115. Phebe W., born Dec. 6, 1838.
- 116. Clara S., born Oct. 9, 1840.
- 117. Samuel W., born Nov. 6, 1841.
- 118. John W., born March 1, 1843; died 1858.
- 119. Julia H., born May 9, 1844.
- 120. Mary I., born Dec. 10, 1846.
- 121. George T., born Oct. 2, 1849.

(24) *Children of JOHN ADAMS and NANCY.*

- 122. John F., } twins, b. in Carver, June 1, 1820 { probably not living,
- 123. William, } { died young.
- 124. Aun Maria (37), born in Plympton, Jan. 8, 1818; married Charles Tilden, of Marshfield.

(25) *Children of THOMAS ADAMS and EUNICE H.*

- 125. Mary E., born in Plymouth, June 25, 1832; married R. F. Briggs, of Boston.
- 126. Thomas H., born in Boston, Nov. 22, 1834.
- 127. Frederick E. } twins, b. in Boston, June 1, 1836; { d. young.
- 128. Frank W. } { d. young.
- 129. Luther B. } twins, b. do. June 27, 1837; both died in infancy.
- 130. Ellen, }
- 131. Miranda B., born do. Sept. 25, 1839; died Oct. 5, 1840.
- 132. Harriet E., born in Cambridge, Jan. 4, 1841; d. Mar. 25, 1844.
- 133. James O. } twins, b. in " Dec. 5, 1841; { d. May 24, 1845.
- 134. ——— } { d. at birth.
- 135. David B., born in " Sept. 18, 1845; died young.
- 136. Walter S. } twins, b. in " April 19, 1848; { yet living.
- 137. ——— } { died at birth.
- 138. Adalaide V., born in Boston, Oct. 27, 1849.

(26) *Children of MARY (ADAMS) and JOHN BENT.*

- 139. Mary, born in Carver, Nov. 13, 1823; mar. H. T. Lawson.
- 140. John W., born in N. Jersey, April 24, 1826.
- 141. Samuel A., born in Middleboro', May 11, 1828.
- 142. Mercy A. (38), born in Carver, Sept. 6, 1829; married John King, of N. Hampshire.
- 143. Augusta, born in Carver, Feb. 18, 1835; married G. G. Kidder, of Medford.

Children of WATSON GOWARD, second husband.

- 144. Julius W., born in Boston, Dec. 29, 1841; died Feb. 17, 1843.
- 145. Helen J., born " " May 1, 1843; died Jan. 20, 1848.
- 146. Emma F., born " " Sept. 29, 1844; died Sept. 28, 1845.
- 147. Gustavus, born " " Dec. 28, 1845.

(27) *Children of GEORGE ADAMS and HANNAH S.*

- 148. George W. (39), born in Plymouth, Aug. 10, 1830; married Mary Holland, of Boston. Lives in Boston.

149. Hannah (40), born in Plymouth, July 27, 1832; married Dr. Edward A. Spooner, of Plymouth, and now a physician in Philadelphia.
 150. Sarah S., born in Boston, Oct. 17, 1840; died March 12, 1842.
 151. Theodore P., born in Boston, July 24, 1845, and has rendered essential aid in collecting information for this genealogy.

(28) *Children of HANNAH (PERKINS) and GEORGE BRIGGS.*

152. Mary P. (41), born in Kingston, Nov. 1, 1823; married Robert B. Greene, of N. Bedford.

Children by SHEFFET READ, second husband.

153. Almira, born Aug. 15, 1838; died Sept. 1, 1839.
 154. Laura A., born Oct. 8, 1839.
 155. Ann E., born Sept. 26, 1840.
 156. Sheffet, born Dec. 17, 1841; died Feb. 9, 1842.
 157. George S., born July 16, 1843; died Dec. 29, 1844.

(29) *Children of MARY (PERKINS) and ALBERT HOWLAND.*

158. Nathaniel P., born in Kingston, June 26, 1831.
 159. George B., born in Kingston, Feb. 23, 1833.
 160. Edward, born in Barnstable, April 19, 1835.
 161. Parker, born " " May 14, 1838; died May 4, 1858.
 162. Eliza, born " " April 9, 1840.
 163. Albert H., born " " Feb. 25, 1845.

(30) *Children of SETH PERKINS and ELIZABETH B.*

164. Sarah, born 1843; died 1852.
 165. Ezra, born 1844.

Children by ELIZA, second wife.

166. Seth, born 1854.
 167. Ada Maria, born 1856; died 1856.
 168. Mary, born 1857.

(31) *Children of ELIZAB' H L. (BRADFORD) and DAVID HOLDEN.*

169. David, born in Boston, June 24, 1826; died Aug. 18, 1826.
 170. David L., born " " Oct. 15, 1827; died July 2, 1853; unmarried.
 171. Daniel L., born " " Dec. 1, 1829; died Dec. 16, 1829.

(32) *Children of EVELINE (BRADFORD) and CONVERSE L. McCURDY.*

172. Converse B., born Feb. 13, 1850; died Feb. 18, 1850.
 173. Eveline G., born Aug. 14, 1851.

(33) *Children of GEORGE B. BRADFORD and MARY.*

174. Elizabeth L., born Feb. 20, 1838; married Charles A. Hawley.
 175. Daniel L.
 176. Thomas H.
 177. Joseph.
 178. Eveline.
 179. Daniel.
 180. Eveline.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(34) *Children of* MARY ANN (STURTEVANT) *and* BENJ. N. SHEPHERD.

- 181. Mary E. born in Wrentham, May 17, 1835: married Henry W. Morse, of Taunton.
- 182. Emily S., born in Wrentham, March 2, 1837.
- 183. Benjamin, born in Wrentham, May 23, 1839.

(35) *Children of* SABA A. (CUSHMAN) *and* WILLIAM RITCHIE.

- 184. Isabella, born July 14, 1837.
- 185. Sophia, born Oct. 26, 1841.
- 186. Martha H., born Oct. 30, 1848.

(36) *Children of* WILLIAM G. ADAMS *and* LUCY P.

- 187. Anita G., born Nov. 6, 1850: died Sept. 25, 1851.
- 188. William G., born Sept. 17, 1851: died Sept. 19, 1851.
- 189. George F., born Sept. 27, 1852.

(37) *Child of* ANN MARIA (ADAMS) *and* CHARLES TILDEN.

- 190. Maria F., born in Boston, Dec. 22, 1845.

(38) *Children of* MERCY ANN (BENT) *and* JOHN KING.

- 191. Lydia, born Feb. 14, 1847; died March 17, 1847.
- 192. Emma, born Oct. 10, 1850.
- 193. Albert, born Feb. 7, 1852.
- 194. Lizzie, born Dec. 17, 1854.

(39) *Children of* GEORGE W. ADAMS *and* MARY.

- 195. Sarah H., born in Boston, June 10, 1858.
- 196. Hannah, born in Boston, July 30, 1860.

(40) *Child of* HANNAH (ADAMS) *and* EDWARD A. SPOONER.

- 197. Louise M., born in Newton, Aug. 18, 1857.

(41) *Children of* MARY P. (BRIGGS) *and* ROBERT B. GREENE.

- 198. Mary P. B., born in New Bedford, March 13, 1847.
- 199. Fannie B., born " " May 30, 1848.
- 200. Nellie, born " " Jan. 5, 1850.
- 201. Kate L., born " " Feb. 3, 1854.

DESCENDANTS OF
(IV.) FRANCIS, SON OF FRANCIS ADAMS
AND MARY HIS WIFE.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column give the number of the descendants — those at the end of the name refer to their children.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Francis the 2d (1), born in Plymouth, Sept. 27, 1711; died in Jamaica, 1752; married Keziah Atwood, of Plymouth, daughter of Deacon John Atwood. She was born April 18, 1721. He was a mariner, and at the time of his death was Captain of a vessel.

THIRD GENERATION.

(1) *Children of FRANCIS ADAMS, the 2d, and KEZIAH.*

2. Francis, born in Plymouth, May 21, 1738; died July 23, 1738.
3. Samuel, born " " June 26, 1742; died young.
4. Lydia, born " " Sept. 28, 1743; married Dr. Jonathan Crane, of Bridgewater.
5. Keziah, born " " March 4, 1745; married Nathaniel Little; moved West.
6. Francis the 4th (2), b. in Plymouth, Nov. 10, 1750; died March 26, 1823. He was a cooper by trade. Married his cousin, Mercy Adams, of Kingston. She died Nov. 25, 1843, aged 90. She was favored with a remarkably clear and strong memory, and held in great veneration her grandfather, Francis Adams, and retained to the close of her long life a vivid remembrance of his personal appearance and manners, and even the tones of his voice, although she was but about 5 years of age at the time of his decease. She took great delight in repeating his sayings and poetry, and preserving papers about him and traditions of his ancestors. While her statements have been handed down and remembered by persons yet living, it is yet a matter of deep regret that the papers have been lost or destroyed.
7. Samuel, died young.
8. Samuel, died at sea; unmarried.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(2) *Children of FRANCIS ADAMS and MERCY.*

9. Samuel, born March 1, 1785; died March 31, 1785.
10. Lydia H. (3), born Jan. 26, 1786; died May 22, 1851; married Luther Phillips.

11. Jemima (4), born March 26, 1788 ; married Joshua Peterson.
12. Samuel, born June 23, 1790 ; married, first, Priscilla Ford, of Marshfield. She died March 10, 1837, aged 38. Second, Abigail Bruce, of Kingston ; no children by either. He was by trade a carpenter, but engaged in the manufacturing business, and has by saving and industrious habits accumulated a handsome property. Has been Selectman of Kingston, and now lives there.
13. Eleanor, born May 12, 1792 ; unmarried.
14. Sarah, born Nov. 23, 1794 ; died Feb., 1828 ; unmarried.

FIFTH GENERATION.

(3) *Children of* LYDIA H. (ADAMS) *and* LUTHER PHILLIPS.

15. Caroline (5), born Oct. 8, 1807 ; mar. Arba Pratt, of Bridgewater.
16. Abigail (6), born July 6, 1809 ; married Noah Chandler.
17. Mary Ann (7), born Aug. 18, 1811 ; married John Oldham, of Pembroke.
18. Luther (8), born Feb. 22, 1814 ; married Dinah Morehead, of Duxbury.
19. Augustus (9), born June 18, 1815 ; married Jerusha B. Barton, of Duxbury.
20. Judith, born June 3, 1816 ; died Sept. 19, 1816.

(4) *Children of* JEMIMA (ADAMS) *and* JOSHUA PETERSON.

21. Francis A., born in 1813 ; married Mary Pettee.
22. Mercy A., born in 1820 ; married Eldad Sawtell.
23. Joseph W., born in 1822 ; married, first, Martha Hall ; second, Emily Pettee.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(5) *Children of* CAROLINE (PHILLIPS) *and* ARBA PRATT.

24. Mary A., born Jan. 28, 1832 ; married Samuel Boyden Harris.
25. Caroline, born 1834 ; died young.
26. Edward J., born July 7, 1836.
27. Luther, ———— died young.

(6) *Children of* ABIGAIL (PHILLIPS) *and* NOAH CHANDLER.

28. James, ———— died young.
29. Asa, born 1834.
30. Lydia, ———— died young.
31. Francis A., born 1839.
32. Noah J., born 1841.
33. Albert W., born 1848.

(7) *Children of* MARY ANN (PHILLIPS) *and* JOHN OLDHAM.

34. John W., born March 11, 1834.
35. Adoniram J., born May 8, 1836.
36. Mary A., ———— died young.
37. Lydia H., ———— died young.
38. Abba H., born March 18, 1846.

(8) *Children of* LUTHER PHILLIPS *and* DINAH.

39. George L., born 1840.

40. Ellen T., born 1842.

41. Sally, born 1848.

(9) *Children of* AUGUSTUS PHILLIPS *and* JERUSHA.

42. Mary A., born 1850.

43. Louisa D., born 1852.

44. Henry C., born 1854.

45. Wendell, born 1857.

46. Augustus H., died young.

DESCENDANTS OF
(V.) JOHN, SON OF FRANCIS ADAMS
AND MARY HIS WIFE.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column give the number of the descendants—those at the end of the name refer to their children.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. John (1), born in Plymouth, June 14, 1714; died in Kingston, April 15, 1806; married Thankfull Washburn, of Kingston. She died there June 15, 1805, aged 89.

He received a common school education, and followed the occupation of a clothier and dyer, and by his industry and economy accumulated considerable property. Was a large man, and possessed great physical power; was of gentlemanly address, but rather blunt in his expressions. To the suffering, hospitable—and ever ready to assist the needy. He seems to have enjoyed the confidence of his townsmen, having been chosen town clerk, treasurer, &c.

He held the office of deputy sheriff from 1784 to 1800, and was succeeded by his son John in that office.

THIRD GENERATION.

(1) *Children of JOHN ADAMS and THANKFULL.*

2. Joseph (2), born Oct. 2, 1740; died Aug. 7, 1815; married Eleanor Carney, of Kingston. She died Oct. 15, 1817, aged 73.
3. Francis (3), born in Kingston, December 14, 1741; died in —, Feb. 4, 1825; married Rebecca Cook, of Kingston. She died Dec. 1, 1818, aged 77.
4. John (4), born in Kingston, March 12, 1743; died there January 10, 1833; married Sarah Drew. She died June 3, 1822, aged 82. He succeeded his father as deputy sheriff in Kingston in 1801, and held the office until 1811.
5. Ebenezer (5), born in Kingston, Nov. 17, 1744; died Sept. 24, 1820; married Lydia Cook, of Kingston, who died Jan. 24, 1829, aged 85. He was a sea-faring man most of his life.
6. Jemima (6), born Oct. 6, 1746; died Jan. 3, 1821; married Joseph Holmes, of Kingston. He died Feb. 8, 1822, aged 89.
7. Melzar (7), born in Kingston, July 3, 1750; died March 6, 1826; married Deborah Bradford, of Duxbury. She died July 15, 1827, aged 77. He belonged to the church, and was an industrious and temperate man, and accumulated considerable property, but lost most of it by investments in manufacturing operations. His occupation was farming.
8. Sarah (8), born Jan. 7, 1752; died 1837; mar. Jedediah Holmes, of Kingston, who died Oct. 12, 1829, aged 80.
9. Mercy (9), born July 7, 1753; died Nov. 25, 1843; married her cousin Francis Adams, of Plymouth, who died in Kingston, March 26, 1823, aged 73. She possessed a remarkably strong memory. [See page 30 for a more extended account.]

10. Lydia (10), born Feb. 25, 1755 ; died Aug. 17, 1812 ; mar. Robert Cook, of Kingston, who died Sept. 10, 1828, aged 85.
11. Susanna (11), born July 7, 1759 ; died March 2, 1836 ; married Eleazer Faunce, of Kingston, who died Jan. 23, 1837, aged 85.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(2) *Children of JOSEPH ADAMS and ELEANOR.*

12. Joseph, born in Kingston, July 15, 1767 ; died April 21, 1768.
13. Rufus (12), born in Kingston, July 2, 1769 ; died April 30, 1814 ; married Ruth Wales, who died Aug. 26, 1844, aged 76.
14. Robert, born in Kingston, 17—, and died 4 years of age.
15. Joseph, born July 12, 1771 ; died Aug. 11, 1771.
16. Asa, born ——— ; died young.
17. Sylvia, born July 3, 1772 ; died Feb. 28, 1825 ; unmarried.
18. Jane (13), born Jan., 1775 ; died May 26, 1856 ; married Peleg Bartlett.
19. Joseph, born 1778 ; died in Martinique, June, 1803 ; unmarried.
20. John (14), born June 11, 1782 ; died Nov. 20, 1850 ; married Sophia Washburn, who died Nov. 13, 1823, aged 33.
21. Keziah, born ——— ; died young.

(3) *Children of FRANCIS ADAMS and REBECCA.*

22. Lucy (15), born Aug. 18, 1765 ; died Nov., 1849 ; married Bildad Washburn. He died Sept. 18, 1832, aged 70.
23. Betsey, born Sept. 14, 1767 ; died 1837 ; married Jehiel Washburn ; had no issue.
24. Francis (16), born in Kingston, Dec. 14, 1769. Removed to Charlestown about 1790, where he engaged in the lumber business, and was also interested in navigation. Afterwards he removed to Brunswick, Me., and died there May 16, 1839. He was a man of strict integrity and real worth. Besides enjoying the opportunities afforded by the public schools of Charlestown, his children were sent to higher schools to complete their education. He married Margaret Patten.
25. Thankfull, born April 15, 1772 ; died at Kingston, Jan. 31, 1854 ; unmarried.
26. Rebecca (16½), born July 24, 1774 ; died ——— ; married Abiel Washburn ; he lived in Ohio, and died Aug. 25th, 1834.
27. Bartlett (17), born in Kingston, Oct. 24, 1776 ; died January 27, 1825 ; married Charlotte Neal, of Portland ; died Feb. 13, 1834. He carried on the stone-cutting business in Portland.
28. Hannah (18), born August 4, 1779 ; died ——— ; married John Jameson, of Topsham, Me., who d. July 12, 1834, aged 54.
29. Daniel (19), born Jan. 9, 1782 ; died in Akron, Ohio, October 10, 1848 ; married, first, Cornelia Pierce, of Providence, who died at the age of 28 years ; second, Ann L. Quinn, of England ; third, Ann M. Adams, of Richmond, Va. He was a master mariner, lived in Kingston from 1828 to 1845, when he removed to Akron, Ohio, where he died.

- 30. Richard (20), born in Kingston, Feb. 29, 1784; left there at 16 years of age: died in Topsham, Me., April 1, 1845: married Silence Hunter, of Topsham, Me. She is now living there. He was a stone-cutter by trade, and was engaged in that business in Charlestown. Removed to Topsham in 1830.
- 31. Keziah (21), born March 19, 1786; married John Patten, of Bowdoinham, Me.

(4) *Children of JOHN ADAMS and SARAH.*

- 32. Cornelius, born July 14, 1770; died May 11, 1789.
- 33. Sarah (22), born Aug. 28, 1773; died May 30, 1853; married Seth Washburn, of Kingston.
- 34. Judith (23), born Sept. 15, 1782; died June 1, 1824; married Robert Cook, of Kingston, who died Jan. 2, 1844.

(5) *Children of EBENEZER ADAMS and LYDIA.*

- 35. George, born Dec. 21, 1766; died in N. Carolina; unmarried.
- 36. Mary, born April 5, 1769; died March 14, 1851; unmarried.
- 37. Caleb, born Dec. 12, 1770; died Dec. 11, 1779.
- 38. Nathaniel, born Feb. 24, 1773; died Oct. 9, 1792; unmarried.
- 39. Lydia (24), born July 28, 1775; married William Holmes, of Peacham, Vt.
- 40. James, born Aug. 11, 1777; died Feb., 1798; unmarried.
- 41. Charles (25), born Oct. 1, 1779; married, first, Mary C. Sampson, of Barnstable, who died Nov. 3, 1842, aged 64; second, Harriet Fish, of Kingston. He has always maintained his residence in Kingston, where he now lives, and is engaged in farming operations. When young, he went to sea several years; afterwards went south and traded there during the winter season. He feels a strong interest in the preservation of the records and facts respecting the ancestors, and has rendered essential service in this genealogy. He has not been a prominent man in public life, but deservedly esteemed and respected by all.
- 42. Lucy, born Sept. 3, 1784; unmarried.
- 43. Christiana, born Jan. 2, 1787; unmarried.
- 44. George (26), born Jan. 10, 1791; married, first, Hannah T. Brewster, of Kingston, who died at Kingston, August 11, 1858; mar. second, Susan Brigham. He lives at Kingston, and carries on the butchering business, and deals in live stock. He has held the offices of Selectman and Deputy Sheriff.
- 45. Caleb, born Feb. 15, 1792; died in Brunswick, Me., in 1859; married first, Pauline Butts, who died March 23, 1852; second, widow Martha Harding. Had no children by either wife. He was for some time a master mariner, and followed the sea for upwards of 40 years, and accumulated considerable property. He was a very benevolent man, and brought up many orphan children. He made a handsome bequest to the town of Kingston, for the establishment of a Young Ladies' School in that place. The following report of the School Committee of Kingston gives the details.

" Extract from the Will of CALEB ADAMS, Esq., a native of Kingston, recently deceased at Brunswick, Me.

" My Executors are hereby authorized to retain such real and personal estate, or the proceeds of sales with the income and avails thereof, in their hands, and to invest the same in such stocks, funds, or securities, as they may deem safe and productive, until the whole shall amount to such a principal sum, as shall annually produce an income of, at least, one thousand dollars.

" Whenever the said property so vested in my Executors and Trustees as aforesaid, or their successors, shall be so invested and held as to produce the net annual income of one thousand dollars, I give and devise the same, in whatever form it may exist, to the inhabitants of my native town of Kingston, Massachusetts, provided they shall, at a legal town meeting to be called for the purpose, within three years of my decease, vote to accept the same on the terms and conditions here specified: that is to say, to establish a Seminary to be known by the name of the 'Adams School,' for the education of the female children of all or any Christian parents in the said town, without regard to their particular tenets; the school to be under the direction of seven Directors; three of which shall be the presiding clergymen of the three principal religious Societies in said town for the time being, viz., those commonly called the Unitarian, the Orthodox Congregational, and the Baptist respectively, one clergyman from each. The remaining Trustees to be laymen chosen by the town in the first instance, and their places to be supplied by the town as often as vacancies occur. The Unitarian clergyman, whenever present, to be the presiding officer at all meetings for the regulation of said school; and if he is not present, the presiding officer to be a layman appointed by a majority of the Directors present; no pupils to be admitted except female children, between the years of twelve and eighteen years inclusive. The location of the school to be between the Unitarian meeting-house, or where it now stands, and the residence of my late father, on the Bridgewater road; and the net annual income of the said fund is in any one year to be expended upon the school with the reserved excess of any former year. All the teachers, male or female, to be adepts in the English language, and other literary and scientific branches, in general, required to be taught in the high schools and academies of Massachusetts."

Mr. Adams made a schedule of the property which he wished to be devoted to the "Adams School." It is variously estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. The income now arising from it is from \$600 to \$900, which, by the provisions of the Will, belongs to the widow during her life time.

(6) *Children of JEMIMA (ADAMS) and JOSEPH HOLMES.*

46. Lemuel (29), born Oct. 15, 1771; died Aug. 21, 1837; married Patience Harlow, of Plymouth.
47. Joseph (30), born Dec. 1, 1772; mar. his cousin, Lucy Holmes, of Kingston, and now lives in Kingston. He graduated at Brown University in 1796, but has been engaged in ship-building and navigation most of his life, with very considerable success.

(9) *Children of MERCY (ADAMS) and FRANCIS ADAMS.*

[See page 30 for the Children of Francis and Mercy.]

- 48. Pelham (31), born Nov. 10, 1774; died Sept. 9, 1831; married Mercy Lobdell, who died Aug. 19, 1840, aged 63.
- 49. Clarisa (32), born Jan. 11, 1779; married Lemuel Bryant.
- 50. Pamala (33), born March 8, 1781; died March 10, 1816; married Robert McLaughlin, who died Dec. 28, 1836.
- 51. Polly (34), born Sept. 24, 1783; died Dec. 9, 1850; married Solomon Leach.

(7) *Children of MELZAR ADAMS and DEBORAH.*

- 52. Abigail (35), born Aug. 11, 1776; married Nathaniel Foster, of Kingston, who died Jan. 10, 1848, aged 73.
- 53. Samuel (36), born Jan. 6, 1778; died Sept. 11, 1827; married Deborah Turner, of Pembroke, who died September 22, 1856, aged 79. He was a farmer, and had an inventive genius, and received a patent for a reaping machine.
- 54. Melzar (37), born in Kingston, Feb. 12, 1779; died there Nov. 2, 1859; married Olive Ingle, of Halifax, who died Aug. 27, 1848, aged 71. He was a man of good habits, and a miller by occupation.
- 55. William, born April 20, 1780; died Sept. 8, 1800; unmarried.
- 56. Gamaliel, } twins, b. Feb. 12, 1787; { d. Jan. 21, 1853; unmar.
- 57. Alexander, } { d. at sea; unmarried.

(8) *Children of SARAH (ADAMS) and JEDEDIAH HOLMES.*

- 58. Jedediah (38), born Aug. 2, 1773; married, first, Marcia Drew, who died May 13, 1800, aged 26; second, Priscilla Wilder, who died Nov. 1, 1844, aged 66. He now lives in Kingston. Has been deacon of the church there—an active business man, and quite extensively engaged in manufacturing. In this Genealogy he has evinced a strong interest and rendered important aid; and had not the infirmities of age prevented, would have made more full and complete the genealogy of the branch bearing his name.
- 59. Melzar, born Dec. 8, 1774; died Nov. 13, 1813; married Betsey S. Beal.
- 60. Lucy, born Oct. 9, 1776; married Joseph Holmes, her cousin. [See (30) for her children.]
- 61. Elisha T., born Aug. 9, 1778; married Elizabeth Ball.
- 62. Spencer, born Jan. 13, 1781; died June 16, 1846; married, first, Judith McLaughlin, who died Aug. 2, 1818, aged 39; second, Lucy Pierce, who died 1842.
- 63. Lewis, born May 15, 1783; died April 28, 1853; mar. Sophia Holmes, who died May 11, 1850, aged 69.
- 64. Henry, born Dec. 28, 1784; married Mary Wilder, who died Jan. 14, 1848.
- 65. Bartlett, born March 25, 1787; died April 26, 1827.
- 66. Harvey, born Nov. 27, 1789; married Lydia Cushing.
- 67. Cornelius, born June 6, 1792; died March 3, 1793.
- 68. Martin, born March 7, 1794; married Mary T. Johnson.

(10) Children of LYDIA (ADAMS) and ROBERT COOK.

- 69. Robert, born July 13, 1775; died Jan. 2, 1844; married Judith Adams, his cousin. [See page 41 for his children.] She died June 1, 1824, aged 42.
- 70. Eli, born Dec. 29, 1776; died April 8, 1845; married Hannah Drew; had no children.
- 71. Sarah, born Jan. 25, 1779; died Nov. 29, 1813; married Charles Foster; had no children.
- 72. Ira (47), born Jan. 26, 1781; mar. Fanny Morris, of Pawtucket.
- 73. Levi (48), born Sept. 18, 1786; married Priscilla Sampson, of Kingston.

(11) Children of SUSANNA (ADAMS) and ELEAZER FAUNCE.

- 74. Eleazer, born Dec. 5, 1780; died Feb. 18, 1785.
- 75. John (49), born Sept. 28, 1782; married Sarah Bradford.
- 76. Zenas (50), born June 29, 1784; married Jerusha Wadsworth.
- 77. Lucy (51), born Jan. 9, 1788; married Zenas Cook.
- 78. Eli, born Feb. 16, 1793; died Feb. 21, 1793.
- 79. Hannah (52), born Jan. 7, 1795; married Martin Cook.

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- 80. Henry B. (53), born Dec. 25, 1794; married Jane Greer.
- 81. Robert W., born Jan. 9, 1798; married Caroline Watson.
- 82. Sarah W. (54), born Jan. 15, 1801; married Samuel Baldwin, of Malden.

(13) Children of JANE (ADAMS) and PELEG BARTLETT.

- 83. Mahala, born ———; married Clement Brewster.
- 84. Peleg, born ———; married Cecilia Gill; had no children.
- 85. Jane, born ———; married Hervey Washburn.
- 86. Joseph, born ———; unmarried.
- 87. Lucia, born ———; married Enoch Colwell.
- 88. Caroline (59), born Dec. 17, 1811; m. Minot Tirrell, of Weymouth.
- 89. Sylvia, born ———; married Elbredge Wellington.

(14) Children of JOHN ADAMS and SOPHIA.

- 90. Joseph, born March 13, 1818. Lives in Kingston; possesses an excellent memory of names and dates, and has rendered essential aid in furnishing information for this work, and holds in great veneration the religious principles and life of the ancestor, and has saved from oblivion many facts in regard to him.
- 91. Robert B., born Nov. 11, 1821; died Aug. 21, 1839.
- 92. A stillborn child.

(15) Children of LUCY (ADAMS) and BILDAD WASHBURN.

- 93. Betsey, born Feb. 4, 1785; died 1821; unmarried.
- 94. Judith, born Nov. 27, 1786. Lives in North Bridgewater; unmarried.
- 95. Ira, born Oct. 10, 1788; married Abigail Emerson.

- 96. Sophia, born Aug. 23, 1790 : died Nov. 13, 1823 ; married John Adams. [See (14) for her children.]
- 97. Alvin, born Aug. 23, 1792 : married Margaret Noble ; had no children.
- 98. Nathaniel, born April 2, 1794 : died young.
- 99. Elias, born Jan. 28, 1796 ; died 1826 ; married Lydia Allen.
- 100. Nancy, born Feb. 20, 1798 : married Benjamin Faunce.
- 101. Eliza, born March 5, 1800 : died Dec., 1841 ; married Azel Wood, of North Bridgewater.
- 102. Francis (65), born Dec. 16, 1801 : married Judith Sampson.
- 103. Jabez, } twins, b. Aug. 7, 1803 ; { m. Mary A. Wood, of Ohio.
- 104. Mary, } { m. Franklin White.
- 105. Lucy K., born March 24, 1806 : married George Bryant, of N. Bridgewater.
- 106. Bartlett, born Dec. 18, 1809 : died young.
- 107. Julia A., born May 30, 1811 : married Lyman Clark, of North Bridgewater.

(16) *Children of FRANCIS ADAMS and MARGARET.*

- 108. John P., born July 27, 1803 : died Oct. 20, 1804.
- 109. Margaret J. (70), born July 11, 1805 : married Isaac Centre, of Brunswick, Me., who died March 20, 1859.
- 110. Louisa, born March 11, 1807 : unmarried.
- 111. Francis C., born Aug. 15, 1808 ; died Nov. 13, 1809.
- 112. John F., born April 7, 1810 : died June 22, 1817.
- 113. Robert P., born Feb. 10, 1812. Now resides at Brunswick. He formerly was a seaman, but now follows the occupation of a farmer, and is unmarried.
- 114. Bartlett, born Dec. 27, 1814. Lives in Brunswick, and is cashier of the bank in that town. He is unmarried.
- 115. Daniel P. (71), born May 17, 1817 ; married Sarah J. Wilcox, and is a farmer at Brunswick.
- 116. Cornelia P., born March 28, 1821 : married Charles S. Pennell.
- 117. Charlotte, born Oct. 24, 1826 : died Aug. 29, 1852 ; unmarried.

(16½) *Children of REBECCA (ADAMS) and ABIEL WASHBURN.*

- 118. Cornelia G., born July 2, 1808 : married Albert G. Mallison.
- 119. Lorinda, born April 19, 1810 ; unmarried.
- 120. Leander, born Dec. 9, 1811 : married Eliza Upson.
- 121. Keziah A., born Aug. 2, 1813 : married Charles Mallison.
- 122. Rebecca A., born March 31, 1815 : mar., first, Henry S. Hampson : second, John W. Wilbur.
- 123. Daniel B., born Dec. 19, 1817 ; mar. Mildred A. Adams.

(17) *Children of BARTLETT ADAMS and CHARLOTTE.*

- 124. Maria, born May 15, 1804 : died May 26, 1826 ; married Chas. Rogers, of Portland.
- 125. Bartlett, born July 5, 1806 : died in infancy.
- 126. Charlotte, born Aug. 16, 1807 : unmarried.
- 127. George, born Feb. 27, 1809 : died same day.
- 128. Sarah, born Dec. 10, 1810 : died young.

129. Eliza, born Aug. 23, 1812; died young.
 130. Rebecca C., born Aug. 8, 1817; m. John C. Bartell, of Portland.

(18) *Children of HANNAH (ADAMS) and JOHN JAMESON.*

131. Francis A., born May 29, 1815.
 132. Caroline (73), born July 16, 1816; mar. William Symmes, of Kingston.
 133. John P., born Feb. 19, 1823; died Aug. 31, 1823.

(19) *Children of DANIEL ADAMS and CORNELIA P.*

134. Charles D., b. in Providence, Aug. 15, 1813; d. Sept. 15, 1814.
 135. Daniel. born in Kingston, July 31, 1815; died July 22, 1816.
 136. Francis, born in Kingston, May 17, 1817; died 1818.

Children by ANN L., second wife.

137. Caroline A. (74), born in Richmond, Va., Jan. 20, 1826; married Moses W. Hancock, of North Bridgewater.
 138. Daniel F., born in Kingston, 1838; died October, 1839.

Children by ANN M., third wife.

139. Louisa Q. (75), born in Kingston, Dec. 6, 1838; married William T. Babcock, of Akron, Ohio.
 140. Delia J., born in Kingston, Nov. 9, 1840.
 141. Helen F., born in Kingston, Feb. 13, 1843.
 142. Francis B., b. in Kingston, Dec. 30, 1845. } Live in Akron, O.

(20) *Children of RICHARD ADAMS and SILENCE.*

143. Sarah W., born in Charlestown, Dec. 26, 1816; married Thos. J. Winchell, of Topsham, Me.
 144. Richard (78), born in Charlestown, Nov. 28, 1818; mar. Martha Rogers, of Topsham, Me. Lives in that town, and is an industrious and prosperous farmer.
 145. Arthur H., born in Charlestown, June 16, 1820. Lives in Topsham, and is by occupation a farmer.
 146. Francis, born in Charlestown, July 20, 1822; died Nov. 7, 1823.
 147. Francis, born in Charlestown, July 18, 1824. Removed to Topsham in 1830. He remained with his father until 21 years of age, and worked at farming and the stone-cutting business. In 1846, he entered Bowdoin College, and graduated in 1850. Afterwards studied law in Brunswick, and was admitted in 1859 as an attorney at law in the Courts of the State of Maine, and has an office in Brunswick. Since leaving College he has devoted a part of his time to teaching at several institutions of that State. Now lives in Topsham, and is unmarried.
 148. Rebecca C., born Oct. 10, 1828.

(21) *Children of KEZIAH (ADAMS) and JOHN PATTEN.*

149. Robert F., born Oct. 12, 1819; married Phebe Birdsall.
 150. Bardswell P., born Jan. 9, 1821; m. Francis J. Meserve.
 151. William S., born Nov. 17, 1824; died June 6, 1845.
 152. Jarvis, born June 13, 1827; mar. Charlotte E. Whitmore.
 153. John L., born Nov. 21, 1829.

(22) Children of SARAH (ADAMS) and SETH WASHBURN.

154. Marcia, born Sept. 6, 1793; died Nov. 2, 1857; married Nathaniel Faunce, of Kingston.
 155. Sally, born Dec. 3, 1796; m. Solomon Davie, of Plymouth.
 156. Christiana, born June 25, 1799; m. Nahum Bailey, of Kingston.
 157. Hannah, } twins, b. Aug. 3, 1802; } m. S. Rice, Worcester.
 158. Judith, } m. F. Johnson, Kingston.
 159. Amelia, born Jan. 7, 1817; m. Charles Faunce, of Kingston.

(23) Children of JUDITH (ADAMS) and ROBERT COOK.

160. Lydia A., born Dec. 21, 1803; married Ezra Perkins, of Kingston.
 No issue.
 161. Cornelia A., born Sept. 4, 1808; died Dec. 4, 1839; married Nathan Fuller.
 162. Robert (93), born May 4, 1811; m. Mary Dean, of Raynham.
 163. Almira (94), born April 10, 1817; married Edwin Cushman.

(24) Children of LYDIA (ADAMS) and WILLIAM HOLMES.

Have no returns of this family.

(25) Children of CHARLES ADAMS and MARY C.

164. James (95), born in Kingston, Aug. 13, 1806; married Martha A. Murray. He went to the State of North Carolina when about 10 years of age, but afterwards returned to Kingston, and there received a good education. He attended a store in Boston about one year, but returned again to the south about the year 1827, where he has since resided. Has been a merchant most of the time since that year; is now a farmer in Middleton, N. C. Has held the office of post-master, and is a Justice of the Peace. He is a man of more than ordinary talent, and is much respected. He takes a deep interest in the genealogy of the Adams family, and holds in veneration the ancestor, Francis: The following extract is from a letter received from him:

"The memory and virtues of our ancestor Francis, though dim in a century's distance, are nevertheless bright in excellence and purity, and ought, for all time to come, to be precious in the estimation of his posterity. * * * * Tradition says of him that he was a sojourner in various places, when advancing age admonished him of the need of that repose which in his efforts to provide for his descendants a heritage, he had denied to himself. Then surrounded by those for whose prospective welfare he had sacrificed and toiled, and over whom he still watched with patriarchal care, he indulged himself in retiring to the old oak-framed house by the village roadside, and near the passing stream, where in declining years and in the affections of his people, he at last found the end and the recompense of all his labors."

165. William S., born in Kingston, March 12, 1808; married Lucy E. Holmes. Now lives in Kingston, and is engaged somewhat in navigation. Has followed the sea most of his life, and been a master mariner for upwards of twenty years, and is regarded as a smart business man.

166. Henry L. (97), born in Kingston, July 7, 1810; married Elizabeth H. Fish, of Kingston. Has been a sea-captain several years. Is now engaged in a commission business at the South, yet retains his residence in Kingston.
167. Nathaniel (98), born in Kingston, Jan. 24, 1812; mar. Harriet M. Hendley, of Boxboro'. He was educated in the town of Kingston—learned the trade of a mason in Boston, where he has resided most of the time since. He worked but a short time as a journeyman, having early in life become a contractor and builder, and has erected a large number of public as well as private buildings—among which are the Mayhew School House, Kirk's Church, Cambridge Observatory, Female Orphan Asylum, State Street Block, Mercantile Wharf Store, &c. In religious belief he is a Universalist, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of this sect, having contributed liberal "material aid" to promote its prosperity. He has also made generous donations to the Tufts College. His charities, however, are not confined to sects, but individuals and societies can testify of his benevolent acts, in relieving the suffering with a bountiful hand. Being a man of good and industrious habits, sound sense and business tact, he has succeeded in acquiring considerable property, and is now extensively engaged as a contractor and builder in Boston. He holds the first office in the Order of Odd Fellows in the State. He has been one of the city commissioners of the South Bay lands, but has recently resigned the office. From the commencement of the efforts to collect and preserve the genealogy of the Kingston Adams family, he has been deeply interested in it, and ever ready to do his part by word and deed to cheer it on.
168. Albert, born in Kingston, January 19, 1815; unmarried. Attended school at Kingston—kept in a store in Plymouth awhile, then became engaged in business in Boston. Was for several years the reporter of the Price Current, and evinced great proficiency in this business. He went south about 1846, and engaged in trading, and is now carrying on the commission business in Wilmington, N. C.
169. Charles C., born in Kingston, June 12, 1817; died June 20, 1837; unmarried. Learned the carpenter's trade, and was a young man of much promise.
170. Edwin (100), born in Kingston, May 24, 1819; married Frances H. Frost, of Charlestown. He learned of his brother Nathaniel the mason trade in Boston, and has lived in Boston most of the time since 1836; but for the last four years has lived in Roxbury. He early in life became a builder and contractor, and has built many blocks of buildings in the city, among which are the Holmes Block, in Haymarket Square, Sailors' Home, and also several of the handsome blocks in Franklin Street, and has charge of most of the costly and splendid warehouses erected by the trustees of the Sears estate. Trustworthy and attentive to business, he readily secures important contracts, and conducts the trust in a satisfactory manner. He has succeeded fairly in business, and is in prosperous circumstances.

(26) Children of GEORGE ADAMS and HANNAH T.

- 171. George T. (101), born in Kingston, Oct. 7, 1820, and resides there now: married Lydia T. Bradford.
- 172. Frederick C. (102), born in Kingston, Nov. 18, 1821; married Eveline, widow of Horatio Adams. He has filled various town offices in this place, and is an active business man and a worthy citizen.
- 173. Horatio, born in Kingston, April 20, 1823; died Nov. 4, 1845; married Eveline Holmes, of Kingston.
- 174. Hannah T., born in Kingston, June 21, 1832; mar. Azel W. Washburn, of Kingston. She died Oct. 12, 1859.

(29) Children of LEMUEL HOLMES and PATIENCE.

- 175. Henriette.
- 176. Malinda.
- 177. Lemuel.

(30) Children of JOSEPH HOLMES and LUCY.

- 178. Alexander (104), born in Kingston, March 31, 1803; married Eliza A. Holmes. Lives in Kingston, and is President of the Old Colony Railroad Co.
- 179. Paraclett, born in Kingston, Oct. 3, 1804. Has been a master mariner, but is now the President of an insurance company in Boston.
- 180. Edward (105), born in Kingston, Sept. 15, 1806; m. first, Eliza Bryant. He has been a mariner and ship-builder. Now resides in Kingston. Married, second, Abby Bosworth.
- 181. Horace (106), born in Kingston, Jan. 4, 1809; d. Jan. 17, 1855; married, first, Ann G. Bradford; second, Betsey Ward.
- 182. Lucy E., born in Kingston, Dec. 28, 1812; m. Wm. S. Adams.
- 183. Cornelius, born in Kingston, Oct. 29, 1814. A farmer, unmarried.
- 184. Parmela, born in Kingston, Sept. 7, 1816; mar. Joseph S. Beal.

(31) Children of PELHAM HOLMES and MERCY.

- 185. Pelham J.

(32) Children of CLARISSA (HOLMES) and LEMUEL BRYANT.

- 186. Adaline.
- 187. Eliza H.
- 188. Alvin.
- 189. Mary.
- 190. Edwin.
- 191. Lemuel.
- 192. Clarissa.

(33) Children of PAMELIA (HOLMES) and ROB'T McLAUGHLIN.

- 193. Pamela.
- 194. Mary.
- 195. Ann.

(34) Children of POLLY (HOLMES) and SOLOMON LEACH.

- 196. Marshall.
- 197. Frederic.

- 198. Milton.
- 199. Harrison.
- 200. Catharine.

(35) *Children of ABIGAIL (ADAMS) and NATH'L FOSTER.*

- 201. Nathaniel (115), born Nov. 18, 1799; mar. Betsey Filkins.
- 202. Abigail A. (116), born Nov. 15, 1801; married Jonah Willis, of Kingston.
- 203. Lucy (117), born June 17, 1804; married Thomas Howard, of West Bridgewater.
- 204. William A. (118), born Feb. 24, 1806; married Asenath Paty.
- 205. Deborah B., born June 21, 1808; died Dec. 10, 1811.
- 206. Melzar A., born July 18, 1810; died Oct. 8, 1813.
- 207. Julia F., } twins, b. Feb. 15, 1813; { d. April 24, 1829.
- 208. Deborah B., } twins, b. Feb. 15, 1813; { d. Nov. 21, 1813.
- 209. Melzar A., } twins, { d. June 17, 1838; unmar.
- 210. Alex. B. (119), } b. July 22, 1815; { m. B. S. Freeman, Duxbury.

(36) *Children of SAMUEL ADAMS and DEBORAH.*

- 211. Sally J., born June 8, 1803; died Aug. 3, 1824; unmarried.
- 212. William (120), born in Duxbury, June 3, 1805; mar. Hannah B. Turner, of Boston. By trade a mason. Has carried on business mainly in Boston; built the Maine Railroad Depot in Haymarket Square, the Lawrence School-House, at South Boston, and other public buildings, and is a builder and contractor in Boston at the present time. Is connected with various societies, and an active, worthy citizen. Is much interested in this genealogy.
- 213. Abigail (121), born ———; married Eliphalet Vaughan; died 1855.
- 214. Samuel, born in 1811; died May 26, 1834; unmarried.
- 215. Sylvia, born December, 1813; died March 27, 1814.

(37) *Children of MELZAR ADAMS and OLIVE.*

- 216. Lewis T., born in Kingston, Sept. 14, 1806; died March 17, 1838; unmarried.
- 217. Nancy I., born in Kingston, Aug. 6, 1808; died April 1, 1839; married William Scott, of Plymouth.
- 218. Jane I. (122), born Aug. 22, 1811; died Oct. 27, 1837; married Nathaniel Waterman.
- 219. Marcia, born Sept. 5, 1815; died Sept. 19, 1817.
- 220. Thomas (123), born in Kingston, Aug. 20, 1813; married, first, Hannah B. McLaughlin, who died Feb., 1851, aged 34; second, Emily Baker, of Littlefield, Me. He resides in Kingston, and is by trade a mason.
- 221. Anna, born May 13, 1819; died Aug. 27, 1819.

(38) *Children of JEDEDIAH HOLMES and MARCIA.*

- 222. Sarah A., born in Kingston, May 12, 1797; married Wiswall Stetson.
- 223. Marcia D., born in Kingston, April 24, 1800; married George Holmes.

Children by PRISCILLA, second wife.

224. Eliza A., born in Kingston, Jan. 31, 1805; married Alexander Holmes.
 225. Columbus, born in Kingston, Dec. 9, 1812; died Jan. 25, 1814.
 226. Christopher Columbus, born in Kingston, Sept. 14, 1817; married Elizabeth Rich. Have no children. He is a physician, and resides at Milton, and at the present time is commander of the Independent Corps of Cadets.

(47) Children of IRA COOK and FANNY.

227. Ira A., born Oct. 14, 1815; died May 18, 1819.
 228. Sarah F., born Jan. 4, 1817; died Aug. 2, 1837; unmarried.
 229. Eli, born Jan. 15, 1819; married Caroline Baker.
 230. Caroline J., born July 18, 1820; died Dec. 23, 1826.
 231. Ira A., born Aug. 19, 1822; died April 27, 1824.
 232. George D., born April 5, 1825.
 233. Caroline J., born Dec. 21, 1826; married Henry W. Sampson.
 234. Fayette, born Oct. 15, 1830.
 235. Ira, born Aug. 2, 1835.

(48) Children of LEVI COOK and PRISCILLA.

236. Levi L., born ———.
 237. Deborah, born ———; married Henry W. Usher.
 238. Emily, born ———; married Amos T. Dunbar.
 239. Horace H., born Oct. 21, 1822.
 240. Justin E., born Oct. 19, 1824; married Priscilla Sampson.

(49) Children of JOHN FAUNCE and SARAH.

241. John, born in 1820; died 1857; unmarried.
 242. Eleazer; unmarried.

(50) Children of ZENAS FAUNCE and JERUSHA.

243. Zenas; married Christian Prior.
 244. George; married Mary Moore.
 245. Jerusha; married Thomas Hathaway.
 246. Martha, } twins.
 247. Mary, }

(51) Children of LUCY (FAUNCE) and ZENAS COOK.

248. Zenas; died young.
 249. Charles; died in 1841; unmarried.

(52) Children of HANNAH (FAUNCE) and MARTIN COOK.

250. Jane; unmarried.
 251. Martin; married Matilda Tupper.
 252. Susan; married G. Corey.
 253. Clarinda; married Charles Robbins.
 254. Lucy; married David L. Harlow.
 255. Hannah.
 256. Edwin.
 257. Matilda; died young.
 258. Sarah.

SIXTH GENERATION.

(53) *Children of HENRY B. ADAMS and JANE.*

259. Jane, born May 14, 1815; married Nathaniel Ward, of Salem, who died Nov. 5, 1850. No children. Married, second, William Johnson, of Malden.
260. Henry (124), born Nov. 20, 1817; married Clara W. Muzzey, of Worcester.
261. George W., born Feb. 22, 1820; died 1850. No children.
262. Edward, born Jan. 14, 1826; unmarried.
263. Ellen E., born June 8, 1832; unmarried.

(54) *Child of SARAH W. (ADAMS) and SAM'L BALDWIN.*

264. Sarah, born Feb. 9, 1823; died Jan. 2, 1843; married George Barney, and had Sarah, born Oct. 8, 1842.

(71) *Children of DANIEL P. ADAMS and SARAH J.*

265. Cornelia P., born March 4, 1850.
266. Margaret P., born Jan 22, 1854.

(59) *Children of CAROLINE (BARTLETT) and MINOT TIRRELL.*

267. Caroline, born in Boston, Sept. 4, 1829; married William Eastham.
268. Minot, born in Weymouth, Oct. 19, 1835.
269. Lucia, born in Weymouth, May 14, 1842.

(65) *Children of FRANCOIS WASHBURN and JUDITH.*

270. Azel W., born Oct. 4, 1829; married Hannah T. Adams.
271. Elizabeth H., born Oct. 18, 1831; married Lothrop Holmes.
272. Josephine C., born Sept. 2, 1834; married — Thompson.
273. Lucy M., born Dec. 2, 1838.
274. Eliza W., born Dec. 2, 1842.

(70) *Child of MARGARET J. (ADAMS) and ISAAC CENTER.*

275. Isaac H., born in Brunswick, Me., Jan. 16, 1830.

(73) *Children of CAROLINE (JAMESON) and WM. SYMMES.*

276. Caroline F., born Aug. 22, 1842.
277. John J. born May 9, 1844.
278. Frank J., born June 7, 1847.
279. Alex. B., born June 27, 1850; died Sept. 27, 1850.

(74) *Children of CORNELIA (ADAMS) and MOSES W. HANCOCK.*

280. Daniel W., born in North Bridgewater, Sept. 15, 1845.
281. William H., born " " " 30, 1850.
282. Walter F., born " " Nov. 2, 1859.

(75) *Child of LOUISA (ADAMS) and WM. T. BABCOCK.*

283. Nelie, born Dec. 1, 1858; died Aug. 3, 1859.

ADAMS FAMILY.

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(78) *Children of* RICHARD ADAMS *and* MARTHA.

- 284. Julia, born October 23, 1849.
- 285. George, born July 14, 1851.
- 286. Lucinda, born May 7, 1854; died Oct. 6, 1855.
- 287. Carrie, born Feb. 19, 1856.
- 288. Martha, born June 10, 1858.

(93) *Child of* ROBERT COOK *and* MARY.

- 289. Hannah L., born Oct. 24, 1850.

(94) *Child of* ALMIRA COOK *and* EDWIN CUSHMAN.

- 290. Cornelia R., born Sept. 9, 1857.

(95) *Children of* JAMES ADAMS *and* MARTHA A.

- 291. George, born June 20, 1836.
- 292. James, born Nov. 14, 1838.
- 293. Mary, born Dec. 21, 1840.
- 294. Charles, born Nov. 7, 1842.
- 295. Elizabeth, born Sept. 15, 1844.
- 296. Catharine, born Feb. 4, 1847.
- 297. Edward, born Nov. 12, 1849.
- 298. Francis, born Nov. 16, 1851; died Dec. 23, 1853.
- 299. Francis, born Dec. 10, 1853.
- 300. Martha A., born Jan. 17, 1855; died July 9, 1855.

(97) *Children of* HENRY L. ADAMS *and* ELIZABETH II.

- 301. Charles H., born July 3, 1848.
- 302. Harriet, born Sept. 9, 1852.

(98) *Children of* NATHANIEL ADAMS *and* HARRIET M.

- 303. Harriet M., born March 28, 1840.
- 304. Mary C., born Nov. 2, 1843.

(100) *Children of* EDWIN ADAMS *and* FRANCES N.

- 305. Georgiana, born March 3, 1847.
- 306. Ella F., born Feb. 27, 1849; died March 23, 1853.
- 307. Sarah L., born Sept. 18, 1851.
- 308. William S., born Jan. 20, 1854.
- 309. Charles E., born Jan. 11, 1856.

(101) *Children of* GEORGE T. ADAMS *and* LYDIA.

- 310. Horatio, born Nov. 8, 1845.
- 311. George W., born Jan. 25, 1850.
- 312. Bradford, born Nov. 20, 1854.

(102) *Child of* FREDERIC C. ADAMS *and* EVELINE.

- 313. F. Lyman, born Dec. 27, 1849; died Jan. 1, 1854.

(104) *Children of* ALEXANDER HOLMES *and* ELIZA A

- 314. Joseph A., born in Kingston.
- 315. Frank H., born in Kingston.

(105) *Children of EDWARD HOLMES and ELIZA.*

- 316. Ann E.
- 317. Edward K.
- 318. Lemuel B.

Children by ABBY, second wife.

- 319. Abby B.
- 320. Paraclett W.
- 321. Lucy.

(106) *Children of HORACE HOLMES and ANN G.*

- 322. Horace ; died young.
- 323. Guy.

Children of BETSEY, second wife.

- 324. Mary.
- 325. Lucy.

(115) *Child of NATHANIEL FOSTER and BETSEY.*

- 326. Charles, born September, 1823.

(116) *Children of ABIGAIL A. (FOSTER) and JONAH WILLIS.*

- 327. Edward, born March 28, 1819 ; m. Mary Ann Washburn.
- 328. George F., born Aug. 30, 1821 ; m. Mehitabel Howland.
- 329. Foster, born Feb. 25, 1824 ; m. Adeline Eaton.
- 330. Robert.
- 331. Jonah, born April 9, 1826 ; died March 22, 1827.
- 332. William H., born May 16, 1828.
- 333. Julia P. T., born June 1, 1831 ; m. Oliver F. Leach.
- 334. Abby A., born May 9, 1834 ; m. Green Evans.
- 335. Jonah, born Aug. 30, 1836.
- 336. Angeline, born April 10, 1839.

(117) *Children of LUCY (FOSTER) and THOMAS HOWARD.*

- 337. Lucy, died young.
- 338. Julia.
- 339. Abigail.
- 340. Thomas ; died young.
- 341. Lucy.
- 342. Warren ; died young.

(118) *Children of WILLIAM A. FOSTER and ASENATH.*

- 343. William G.
- 344. Nathaniel J.

(119) *Children of ALEXANDER B. FOSTER and BETSEY S.*

- 345. Elizabeth, born March 18, 1842.
- 346. Melzar A., born August 9, 1843.
- 347. Mary H. born April 12, 1845.
- 348. Adriana, born March 18, 1848.

(120) *Children of WILLIAM ADAMS and HANNAH B.*

349. Sarah E., born April 13, 1831.
350. Abba A., born Feb. 9, 1834.
351. Helen M., born Oct. 10, 1837.

(121) *Child of ABIGAIL (ADAMS) and ELIPHALET VAUGHAN.*

352. Samuel T.

(122) *Children of JANE I. (ADAMS) and NATH'L WATERMAN.*

353. Hiram, born Nov. 2, 1831.
354. Melzar, born May 19, 1835.

(123) *Children of THOMAS ADAMS and HANNAH.*

355. Nancy J., born June 23, 1839.
356. Olive T., born April 5, 1842.
357. Columbus, born June 15, 1844.
358. Charles T., born Aug. 31, 1846.
359. Samuel W., born March 23, 1849.
360. Lewis, born Feb. 3, 1855. This last child was by his
second wife, Emily.
361. Emily J., born Dec. 23, 1858.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

(124) *Children of HENRY ADAMS and CLARA W.*

362. George T., born Jan. 9, 1844.
363. Agnes M., born July 30, 1847.
364. Charles H., born Oct. 15, 1848.
365. Fanny M., born Aug. 25, 1850.
366. Henrietta M., born July 19, 1853.
367. Kate L., born April 5, 1856.
368. Ida W., born Oct. 7, 1858.

DESCENDANTS OF

(VI.) RICHARD, SON OF FRANCIS ADAMS
AND MARY HIS WIFE.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column give the number of the descendants — those at the end of the name refer to their children.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Richard (1), born in Plymouth, June 14, 1719; died in Cushing, Me., August, 1795; married Mary, daughter of Robert Carver, of Plymouth, who died in 1806, aged 95. They died in Cushing, Me., but were buried on Garrison Island.

It is said that Richard was his father's favorite, and resembled him in many respects. He was a blacksmith by trade, and lived in Kingston until about the year 1752. From the records of that town, it appears he became a resident of Wareham. Probably it was from Wareham he moved to Newport, R. I., where he remained about two years, and from thence removed to the State of Maine, with his friends the Bradfords and Robinsons, during the mania which prevailed at the time for adventures in that region. He located at the mouth of George River, about 12 miles from Thomaston, in what is now the town of Cushing. The site for his house was selected with a view to its eligibility for defence against the Indians, and was the resort of the families of the neighborhood in times of alarm. The exact year that he moved to Maine cannot now be stated. From early records of Cushing, it appears that from and after the year 1770, Richard Adams was three times chosen moderator of town meetings, nine times assessor, twice collector, and, in 1776, one of the Committee of Safety.

He appears to have been an ardent friend to liberty, and was selected to fill an important office in his town, as will appear from the following petition, copied from the records :—

"Nov^r ye 21th. 1775. To the Honorable Gentlemen of the Council and Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts bay in New England, in General Court assembled—The petition of us the subscribers, the Committee of Correspondence in Meduncook, in the County of Lincoln, in the Province aforesaid, humbly sheweth :—

"That whereas we are in danger of enemies as much as other places, although the good Providence of God has hitherto protected us, Blessed be his name, Yet we count it our duty to use the best means we can for our safety and defence, and in order thereunto we think it necessary to have Military Officers among us, to which we did expect some help from Coll. Cargill, but have not as yet received it, and so are destitute of Commanders.

"Whereupon a very considerable part of our people have made choice of Mr. Richard Adams for the Captain, and Mr. Jonah Gray

for their Lieutenant, and Mr. Jesse Thomas for their Ensign, and we the Committee do approve of their choice and do judge the aforesaid gentlemen fit and proper for said places, and we in behalf of the aforesaid people and ourselves do humbly pray this Honorable Court to send commissions to the aforesaid Gentlemen, accordingly that we may not be as sheep without a shepherd, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray."

Signed by the Committee of Correspondence.

It is difficult at the present time to collect many facts in regard to him. The following extracts, from communications received from his descendants, give some idea of his character. Mr. Raymond C. Davis, of Cushing, says: "Richard Adams was a stout, fleshy man, kind and social. His voice was strong and cheerful, so say the old people. * * * By conversing with the aged people of the days when they were young, my mind has been led to dwell intensely on the times and associates of old Richard. I have stood on the turf that covers his grave, and in imagination have conjured him up from the grave, and his life from the past. Ah! he and those of his generation were *manly* men—they were brave men, for they gave life and blood for a free land—they were wise men, for they bequeathed liberty and its blessings to their children—they were good men, for their prayers secured a blessing from God."

Mr. James Adams, of Washington, says: "I have heard him spoken of as a man of intelligence, of enterprise and means, and of some note among his cotemporaries. I recollect once making the casual inquiry of a person who knew my grandfather, as to what sort of a man he was, and his quaint reply was this—'He was the *know-inest* man about these parts.'"

It is evident he was a worthy man, and held in esteem by his acquaintances and townsmen.

THIRD GENERATION.

Children of RICHARD ADAMS and MARY.

2. Robert, born May 30, 1745; died at sea; unmarried.
3. Eliphalet, born Aug. 8, 1746; died at sea; married Mary Scott. Had no issue.
4. Celia, born Dec. 8, 1747; married James Baker, of Marshfield.
5. Ruby (1), born Aug. 19, 1749; died Dec., 1833; married Elijah Cook, who died Dec., 1822, aged 85.
6. Margaret (2), born in Kingston, March 29, 1751; married, first, Andrew Johnson, of Friendship, Me.; second, Andrew Gray, of North Yarmouth, Me.
7. Mary, born Jan. 15, 1753; died in infancy.
8. Richard (3), born Feb. 6, 1755; married Elizabeth Moody. He was a master mariner.
9. James, born 1756; died at sea; unmarried.
10. Thomas (4), born 1758; died Oct. 12, 1795. He was a master mariner. The Newburyport Herald of Nov. 17, 1795, says: "Died at Point Peter, Capt. Thomas Adams, whose death will be lamented by all who knew him." He married Alice Moody.

11. George (5), born 1761 ; died at Cushing, Aug. 8, 1846 ; married Catharine Stinson. He was a master mariner.
12. Hope (6), born 1763 ; died Sept. 15, 1853 ; married Cornelius Davis, who died Aug. 24, 1845, aged 80 years.
13. Lucy (7), born 1769 ; died June, 1848 ; married Joseph Grafton, who died Aug. 24, 1845.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(1) *Children of* RUBY (ADAMS) *and* ELIJAH COOK.

14. Francis.
15. James.
16. Zenas, born Nov. 1, 1790. Lived in Friendship.
17. Celia.
18. Abigail.
19. Lucy.
20. Elizabeth.
21. Mary.
22. Margaret.

(2) *Children of* MARGARET (ADAMS) *and* ANDREW JOHNSON.

23. Mary (8), married, first, Joshua Bradford, of Friendship, Me. ; second, M. Hanniford, of Robinston, Me.
24. Content (9), married, first, Joseph Gray, of N. Yarmouth ; second, Timothy Davis.
25. Elizabeth (10), married, first, William Bucknam—no children ; second, Samuel Lawrence, of N. Yarmouth.
26. Andrew, died unmarried.
27. James J., died unmarried.

Children by ANDREW GRAY, *second husband.*

28. Phebe, born 1785 ; died 1811.
29. Joshua (11), born Dec. 27, 1788 ; died 1852 ; married Lucy Drinkwater, of N. Yarmouth.
30. Adams (12), born April 26, 1791 ; married, first, Mary Davis, of N. Yarmouth, who died in Baltimore, March, 1838 ; second, Phebe Davis. He has been an enterprising sea captain, and now resides in Baltimore.

(3) *Children of* RICHARD ADAMS *and* ELIZABETH.

31. Joshua M., born in Newburyport, Aug. 18, 1783 ; died in Gaudaloupe ; unmarried.
32. Richard, born Oct. 25, 1787 ; died in Gaudaloupe, Oct. 8, 1802 ; unmarried.
33. Robert (13), born May 26, 1790 ; lost at sea, Dec. 28, 1819 ; mar. Mary Scott, who died in 1821.
34. Joseph, born April 26, 1799 ; died at sea, Dec. 28, 1819 ; unmar.
35. Polly, born Aug. 21, 1785 ; lives in Boston ; unmarried.
36. Alice, born June 5, 1792 ; died in 1843 ; unmarried.
37. Elizabeth M., born at Cushing, May 26, 1797 ; died Nov. 11, 1857 ; unmarried.

(4) *Children of THOMAS ADAMS and ALICE.*

38. Thomas, born 1790; died at sea, March 16, 1816; unmarried. He was a young man of great promise.
- * 39. James (14), born in Newburyport, Jan. 27, 1794; married Caroline Hunt. At the age of 14, he commenced to learn the coach-painting trade, and in 1812 removed to Washington, D. C., where he yet resides. Has been a member of both branches of the city government several years, and occupied the post of President of the Board of Aldermen. At the present time is president of an insurance company, and cashier of the Bank of Washington—which latter office he has held for twenty years—and is much esteemed by his acquaintances. The most important matter of the genealogy of this (the Richard) branch of the family was obtained from him.

(5) *Children of GEORGE (ADAMS) and CATHARINE.*

40. George, born Oct. 4, 1794; died in Belfast in 1839; unmarried.
41. Eliphalet, born 1801; died in 1826, at sea; unmarried.
42. Thomas, born 1803; sailed from Belfast, Me., in 1822, and was never heard from after that. Was not married.
43. Hope, born Oct. 7, 1796; married Henry Hallet, of Mansfield. Has seven children living.
44. Margaret, born June, 1798; married Spofford Parker, of Bucksport, Me. Has four sons living.
45. Catharine, born in 1805; married Joseph Parker. Lives at Port Clinton, Ohio.
46. Mary, born April 26, 1808; m. Asa Saunders, of Deer Isle, Me.

(6) *Children of HOPE (ADAMS) and CORNELIUS DAVIS.*

47. Robert, born in 1788; died in 1793.
48. Richard (15), born Sept. 15, 1790; married Mary Davis, who died March 19, 1856, aged 57. He lived at Harbor Island.
49. Robert (16), born Sept. 21, 1793; lives in Friendship, Me.; mar. Ann Grafton.
50. Francis (17), born Aug. 29, 1795; died July 8, 1848; lived in Newcastle, Me.; married, first, Mary J. Kelleran, who died May 18, 1837; second, A. H. Taylor.
51. George (18), born Dec. 21, 1798; married, first, Catharine Young, who died Feb. 1, 1849; second, Elizabeth Young.

(7) *Children of LUCY (ADAMS) and JOSEPH GRAFTON.*

52. Mary.
53. James.
54. Joseph.
55. Sarah.
56. Nancy.
57. Lucy (20), born May 21, 1798; died April 2, 1844; m. John Horn.
58. Martha (19), born July 21, 1800; died Oct. 23, 1831; married John Horn.
59. Alice (21), married Benjamin Young, of Palermo.
60. Eliphalet.

* In his possession were the two letters quoted on pp. 8-9.
He promised them to Theodore Adams of Plymouth. (See footnote)
on p. 55

FIFTH GENERATION.

(8) *Children of* MARY (JOHNSON) *and* JOSHUA BRADFORD.

- 61. Cornelius.
- 62. Margaret.
- 63. Patience.
- 64. Andrew.
- 65. Elizabeth. All born in Friendship, Me.

(9) *Children of* CONTENT (JOHNSON) *and* JOSEPH GRAY.

- 66. Sophronia, married R. Prince, of Portland.

Children by TIMOTHY DAVIS, *second husband.*

- 67. Margaret, married John W. Seabury.
- 68. Joseph.
- 69. Elizabeth.
- 70. Mary A.
- 71. Brooks.

(10) *Children of* ELIZAB'H (JOHNSON) *and* SAM'L LAWRENCE.

- 72. Lucretia (22), b. July 8, 1808; mar. Thos Noyes, of Pownal, Me.
- 73. William A. G., born March 7, 1811; died Oct. 18, 1837; married Dorcas York. Had one child, which died in infancy.
- 74. Samuel A. (23), born July, 1814; married Lydia Pratt.
- 75. Joseph W. (24), born Oct. 14, 1817; mar. Dorcas J. Blanchard.

(11) *Children of* JOSHUA GRAY *and* LUCY.

- 76. Harrison O., born Jan. 28, 1814; married Eunice Wells.
- 77. Joshua A. (25), born Feb. 1, 1817; married Alethea Sturtevant.
- 78. Margaret H. (26), born Sept. 11, 1830; m. Nicholas Drinkwater.

(12) *Children of* ADAMS GRAY *and* MARY.

- 79. Phebe M. (27), born May 8, 1817; mar. Henry Kesley; died Jan. 2, 1859.
- 80. Thomas A., born Sept. 29, 1819; d. July 19, 1835.
- 81. Joshua A., born May 15, 1820.
- 82. Andrew, born April 28, 1822.
- 83. James H. L., born Dec. 12, 1824.
- 84. William R., born Sept. 28, 1826; died Nov. 19, 1826.
- 85. Horatio N., born June 14, 1829.
- 86. Mary A. (28), born June 21, 1831; mar. Benj. Kelsey.
- 87. Margaret E., born June 3, 1833.

Children by PHEBE, *second wife.*

- 88. Howard P., born Dec. 17, 1840.
- 89. Alice A., born June 24, 1846; died Oct. 5, 1850.
- 90. William A., born Mar. 9, 1849; died Sept. 11, 1850.
- 91. Alain D., born June 3, 1851; died Oct. 4, 1852.
- 92. Walter A., born Feb. 18, 1854.

(13) *Children of* ROBERT ADAMS *and* MARY.

- 93. Hannah S. (29), born March 10, 1820; married Hiram A. Tenney, of Newburyport.
- 94. Robert, born Oct. 30, 1817; died Aug. 19, 1821.

(14) *Children of JAMES ADAMS and CAROLINE.*

95. Thomas, born April 23, 1830.
 96. Mary C., born Sept. 10, 1832.
 97. Joseph M., born Nov. 1, 1833; died in Washington, March 10, 1860; unmarried. He was much esteemed, and a man of good promise.

The following notices, taken from Washington papers, pay a deserved tribute to his memory:—

"We regret to record the death of Joseph M. Adams, son of the cashier, and for many years teller of the Bank of Washington. He died on Saturday evening last, at the residence of his father, after a very brief but severe illness. He was extensively known to the business portion of this community, by whom he was held in high esteem on account of the talents which he displayed in his business relations, as well as the uniform sauvity of his manners, and other generous traits of character, which marked him in private life."

Another paper says:

"Quite a gloom has been cast over the New Englanders resident here, by the sudden death of Joseph M. Adams, Esq. He was a son of James Adams, Esq., one of the numerous immigrants from Essex County, Mass., who came here during the infancy of this metropolis, and have done so much to increase its business prosperity and to elevate its social position. Mr. Adams, Sr., is and has been for many years cashier of the Bank of Washington. The deceased was paying teller in the same bank, and occupied a high position in the Masonic Order. Truly can the Commander say—in the words of their ritual—"He was a true and courteous Knight, and has fallen in life's struggle full Knightly with his armor on, prepared for Knightly deeds. Rest to his ashes and peace to his soul!"

98. Alice; died in infancy.

* 99. Alice M., born Jan. 18, 1841.

(15) *Children of RICHARD DAVIS and MARY.*

100. Francis, born Aug. 5, 1819; died Oct. 14, 1825.
 101. Albert, born April 14, 1821; married Eveline Dywer. Lives at St. George, Me.
 102. Richard A. (30), born Nov. 6, 1822; married Jane Thompson. Lives in Cushing.
 103. Mary A., born March 13, 1825; died Dec. 22, 1832.
 104. Elizabeth (31), born March 4, 1827; married Charles Chamberlain, of Boston.
 105. Francis, born Oct. 27, 1828. Resides at California.
 106. Jennette, born Aug. 22, 1830; died Dec. 16, 1832.
 107. Charlotte, born July 24, 1832. Lives on Harbor Island, Me.
 108. Mary A. J., born Aug. 3, 1835. " " "
 109. William R., born June 22, 1837. " " "
 110. Jane, born Sept. 14, 1839. " " "
 111. George A., born Dec. 28, 1848. " " "

* She probably acquired the letters (see pp. 5 & 9) from her father James Adams (see p. 23). They may have gone to her brother Thomas or his sons.
 * About 1820 she lived on 16th St. near the National Geographic Society Building.

(16) Children of ROBERT DAVIS and ANN.

- 112. George W., born Feb. 22, 1823.
- 113. Edward T., born Feb. 12, 1825.
- 114. Hope A., born Feb. 1, 1827.
- 115. Adams G., born Mar. 1, 1829.
- 116. Gardiner C., born April 19, 1832.
- 117. William B., born Aug. 19, 1834.
- 118. Mary J., born Apr. 15, 1837.
- 119. Diantha F., born Oct. 24, 1839.
- 120. Catharine E., born Mar. 16, 1842.

(17) Child of FRANCIS DAVIS and MARY J.

- 121. Mary F., born Aug. 27, 1828 ; married Timothy Weston, of Bremen, Me.

(18) Children of GEORGE DAVIS and CATHERINE.

- 122. Virginia L., born Sept. 4, 1828 ; died Sept. 22, 1833.
- 123. Josephine, born Oct. 2, 1830 ; died Aug. 21, 1833.
- 124. Byron, born July 16, 1832 ; married Ellen M. Stickney.
- 125. Virginia L., born June 19, 1834 ; m. Oliver C. Gray, Minnesota.
- 126. Raymond C., born June 23, 1836. Now at College.
- 127. Ferdinand, born Feb. 8, 1840. Lives in Lebanon, N. H.
- 128. Georgiana, born Dec. 20, 1842 ; died Aug. 7, 1845.

(19) Children of MARTHA (GRAFTON) and JOHN HORN.

- 129. Martha, born Aug. 17, 1825 ; married Isaac Montgomery. Had one child ; was lost at sea with her husband and child.
- 130. Mary J., born Dec. 17, 1827 ; m. John Spiller, of Palermo, Me.
- 131. Alice, born Oct. 9, 1829 ; mar. James Cutler, of E. Boston.

(20) Children of LUCY (GRAFTON) and JOHN HORN.

- 132. Francis A., born Dec. 17, 1836 ; married L. H. Davis. Was lost at sea with her husband.
- 133. Octavia J., born Oct. 14, 1838. Lives in Cushing.

(21) Children of ALICE (GRAFTON) and BENJ. YOUNG.

- 134. James G., born Nov. 6, 1829.
- 135. Dunbar H., born July 24, 1835.
- 136. Edwin F., born May 6, 1840.
- 137. John H., born Jan. 6, 1843.
- 138. George W., born Oct. 24, 1848.

SIXTH GENERATION.*(22) Children of LUCRETIA (LAWRENCE) and THOMAS NOYES.*

- 139. Elizabeth, born July 31, 1841.
- 140. Joanna, born Feb. 13, 1843.
- 141. Alice M., born July 28, 1847.

(23) *Children of* SAMUEL A. LAWRENCE *and* LYDIA.

- 142. Julia, born Aug. 3, 1840.
- 143. William L., born March 31, 1842.
- 144. George H., born March 31, 1844.

(24) *Children of* JOSEPH W. LAWRENCE *and* DORCAS J.

- 145. Joseph A., born March 22, 1849.
- 146. Sylvanus B., born April 25, 1857.

(25) *Children of* JOSHUA A. GRAY *and* ALETHEA.

- 147. Ada, born Dec. 29, 1841.
- 148. Lucy, born Aug. 30, 1850.
- 149. Joshua A., born June 14, 1854.

(26) *Children of* MARG'T H. (GRAY) *and* NICH'S DRINKWATER.

- 150. John G., born Aug. 15, 1855.
- 151. Mary A., born March 30, 1857.
- 152. Sumner P., born Jan. 11, 1859.

(27) *Children of* PHEBE M. (GRAY) *and* H. KELSEY.

- 153. Mary G., born Feb. 18, 1841; died Jan. 17, 1859.
- 154. Maria A., born Aug. 20, 1843.
- 155. Sarah N., born May 29, 1845.
- 156. Florence R., born Aug. 9, 1847; died Sept. 8, 1848.
- 157. Florence, born Aug. 19, 1849.
- 158. Lillian, born Feb. 29, 1852; died May 25, 1859.
- 159. Henry C., born Jan. 21, 1855.
- 160. Frank N., born Aug. 30, 1857.

(28) *Children of* MARY A. (GRAY) *and* B. KELSEY.

- 161. Alice Gray, born May 22, 1853.
- 162. Caroline Adams, born Oct. 6, 1855.
- 163. Adams, born June 12, 1858.

(29) *Children of* HANNAH (ADAMS) *and* HIRAM A. TENNEY.

- 164. Joel S., born April 2, 1842.
- 165. Sarah P., born Sept. 17, 1843.
- 166. Annie S., born Sept. 17, 1845.
- 167. Effie A., born Sept. 9, 1853.

(30) *Children of* RICHARD A. DAVIS *and* JANE.

- 168. Riley, born Feb. 9, 1848.
- 169. Jennett, born Sept. 11, 1855.

(31) *Child of* ELIZABETH (DAVIS) *and* CHAS. CHAMBERLAIN.

- 170. Florilla, born Dec. 9, 1847.

DESCENDANTS OF

(VI.) SARAH, DAUGHTER OF FRANCIS ADAMS

AND MARY HIS WIFE.

NOTE.—The figures in the first column give the number of the descendants—those at the end of the name refer to their children.

SECOND GENERATION.

1. Sarah (1), born in Plymouth, 1721; died in Kingston, Oct. 26, 1804; married Elisha Stetson, of Kingston, who died Aug. 28, 1803, aged 85.

THIRD GENERATION.

(1) *Children of SARAH (ADAMS) and ELISHA STETSON.*

2. Theophilus (2), born in Kingston, July 10, 1742; married Abigail Prince, of Kingston.
3. Abigail, born July 1, 1744; m. John Sampson, Jr., of Duxbury.
4. Sarah, born Dec. 29, 1746; died Dec., 1761; mar. John Sampson, of Duxbury.
5. Samuel (3), born Nov. 19, 1749; died May 12, 1828; married Huldah Brewster, of Kingston, who died Dec. 25, 1833, aged 77.
6. Thomas (4), born March 9, 1752; died in 1820; married Elizabeth Cook, of Kingston, who died in 1838.
7. Hannah, born Sept. 12, 1754; mar. Ezekiel Loring, of Plympton.
8. Betsey, born Jan. 31, 1757; married Abijah Drew, of Kingston.
9. Lydia, born June 15, 1759; married Amos Cook, of Kingston.
10. Sarah, born Nov. 24, 1761; died in 1855; mar. Cornelius Drew, of Kingston.
11. Elisha (5), born Feb. 19, 1764; died March 23, 1837; married Olive Brewster, of Kingston, who died July 27, 1831, aged 63.

FOURTH GENERATION.

(2) *Children of THEOPHILUS STETSON and ABIGAIL.*

12. Polly, born July 4, 1768; mar. first, a Weiner, and then a Pierce.
13. George, born Oct. 31, 1770; married widow Black. Had no children.
14. James, born Nov. 4, 1772; married three times.
15. Lydia, born Dec. 28, 1774; married Capt. Pollard, of England.
16. Lewis, born Nov. 4, 1776; married twice.
17. Thomas P., born Sept. 4, 1779; died June 16, 1835; mar. Elizabeth Sprague, of Topsham, Me.
18. Betsey, born Aug. 24, 1781; married, first, Capt. Inglee—second, Capt. Prior.

19. Lucy, born June 24, 1784 ; married S. Harding, of Bath.
20. Abigail, born April 2, 1788 ; married, first, O. Sprague—second, Mr. Seaver, of Rochester.
21. Mahala, born June 27, 1790 ; died Aug. 25, 1790.
22. John, born March 20, 1792 ; mar. Deniroth ——. Had no issue.

(3) *Children of SAMUEL STETSON and HULDAH.*

23. Seth (6), born July 17, 1776 ; m. Lucy Wadsworth, of Duxbury.
24. Job H. (7), born Feb. 19, 1778 ; married Eleanor Allen.
25. Martin (8), born April 21, 1780 ; mar. Mary Dinsmore, of Norway, Me.
26. Leonice, born Oct. 17, 1781 ; died June 8, 1782.
27. Rebecca (9), born March 19, 1783 ; married Nathaniel Cushman, of Kingston.
28. Wiswell S. (10), born Nov. 3, 1785 ; married Sally Holmes, of Kingston.
29. Judith, born Feb. 16, 1788 ; died Nov., 1846 ; married David Smith, of Waltham.
30. Huldah, born Feb. 19, 1790 ; mar. Avery Richards, of Duxbury.
31. Andrew (11), born April 21, 1792 ; married Sylvia C. Hathaway, of Duxbury.
32. Julia, born March 3, 1794 ; mar. Charles Foster, of Kingston.
33. Christina, born Feb. 21, 1796 ; married George Brewster.
34. Samuel (12), born April 25, 1798 ; m. Martha Smith, of Duxbury.
35. Elizabeth, born June 4, 1800 ; married N. Cobb.
36. Joseph (13), born Aug. 21, 1802 ; married Hannah Brewster, of Kingston.

(4) *Children of THOMAS STETSON and ELIZABETH.*

37. Sarah A., born April 26, 1779 ; unmarried.
38. Henry (14), born July 2, 1780 ; died June, 1816 ; married Mary Green, of Boston.
39. Priscilla C., born Jan. 6, 1782 ; married Moses Simonds.
40. Ellen, born March 30, 1783 ; unmarried.
41. Mary G., born Jan. 16, 1785 ; married J. Witherly.
42. Benjamin, born Sept. 26, 1786 ; lost at sea.
43. Nancy, born Feb. 4, 1789 ; mar. Bradford Harlow, of Bangor.
44. Maria, born May 7, 1791 ; mar. Noah Sparhawk, of Bucksport.
45. Caleb (15), born July 12, 1793 ; m. Julia A. Meriam, of Lexington.
46. Charles, born in 1798 ; married Louisa Silliman, of Ohio.

(5) *Children of ELISHUA STETSON and OLIVE.*

47. William, born April 5, 1794 ; died July 26, 1800.
48. George (16), born Aug. 3, 1796 ; mar. Deborah P. Washburn, of Kingston.
49. Martha, born Feb. 7, 1799 ; died Feb. 25, 1802.
50. William (17), born Feb. 14, 1802 ; married Sally S. Burgess, of Kingston.
51. Deborah S., born May 2, 1804 ; died April 4, 1831.
52. Elishua (18), married Lydia B. Faunce, of Kingston,

FIFTH GENERATION.**(6) Children of SETH STETSON and LUCY.**

- 53. Seth, born in 1802; died in New York in 1829.
- 54. Daniel, born in 1807; died in 1830. Was deaf and dumb.
- 55. Emily, died at the age of 15, in Buckfield.
- 56. Prudentia, born in 1814; died in 1845; mar. David E. Stanwood.
- 57. Sarah D., died at the age of 9, in Plymouth.
- 58. Lucy, died at the age of five months, in Plymouth.
- 59. Clement, born in 1809; died May 30, 1842; married Eliza Richardson, of South Reading, and had Clement and Emily.
- 60. Robert, lived but 10 hours.
- 61. Desire. lived but 15 hours.
- 62. Wm. Penn, } twins, born in 1823.
- 63. Theodore L., }
- 64. Mary T., born in 1821.

(7) Children of JOB H. STETSON and ELEANOR.

- 65. Eliza, born Nov. 1, 1807; mar. James F. Davis, of Danville, Me.
- 66. Maria, born Jan. 8, 1809.
- 67. Christiana, born April 17, 1812.
- 68. Allen, born March 27, 1814; married Laurina Randall, and had Harriet R., born March, 1845.
- 69. Samuel, born Dec. 14, 1815; mar. Valeria A. Chace, of Hebron.
- 70. Harriet, born May 7, 1817.
- 71. James H., born June 17, 1819; married Mehitabel Cushman, of Roxbury, and had Nathaniel H., born Aug. 19, 1846.
- 72. Olive A., born Nov. 28, 1820; married Samuel Roberts.
- 73. Joseph, born May 30, 1822; married Maria Browne, and had Joseph E., born Nov. 23, 1845.
- 74. Clarissa, born July 12, 1824.

(8) Children of MARTIN STETSON and MARY.

- 75. Carlton; married in Bangor, Me.
- 76. Edwin; married at Oldtown, Me.
- 77. Angeline; married twice—both husbands died at sea.
- 78. Hiram D.
- 79. Martin H.
- 80. Calvin.
- 81. Mary J.
- 82. Caroline T.
- 83. Charles.

(9) Children of REBECCA (STETSON) and NATH'L CUSHMAN.

- 84. James H., born Oct. 17, 1809; married, first, Eliza A. Roberts—second, Rebecca Read.
- 85. Matthew S., born June 21, 1811.
- 86. Mercy M. } twins, b. Sept. 27, 1815; { died March 26, 1818.
- 87. Huldah M. } { died " 31, 1818.
- 88. Mehitabel C., born Jan. 13, 1819; married James H. Stetson, of Kingston.

89. George H., born July 24, 1820 ; mar. Rachel Beal Jones, of North Bridgewater.

90. Samuel C., born Oct. 12, 1817 ; died April 19, 1818.

(10) *Children of* WISWELL S. STETSON *and* SALLY.

91. Judith S., born Aug. 1, 1817.

92. Lorenzo, born Aug. 14, 1819 ; d. at sea, Feb., 1846.

93. Marcia H., born Aug. 21, 1821.

94. Elizabeth E., born Aug. 11, 1823.

95. Sarah A., born July 3, 1828.

(11) *Children of* ANDREW STETSON *and* SYLVIA.

96. Charles F., born Jan. 30, 1822.

97. Winslow, born in June, 1824.

98. Levi C., born Sept. 2, 1828.

(12) *Children of* SAMUEL STETSON *and* MARTHA.

99. Julia, born in 1834.

100. Emma, born in 1839.

101. Endora, died at 2 years of age.

102. Ella, born in 1844.

(13) *Children of* JOSEPH STETSON *and* HANNAH.

103. Albert, born Aug. 6, 1834.

104. Julius, born Sept. 7, 1836.

105. Hannah A., born Aug. 23, 1838 ; died May 15, 1843.

106. Emma F., born July 14, 1841.

(14) *Children of* HENRY STETSON *and* MARY.

107. Henry, born in 1806.

108. Mary, born in 1808 ; married Willard Toby.

109. Ellen M., born in 1815 ; married William C. Brooks.

110. Benjamin, died in infancy.

(15) *Children of* CALEB STETSON *and* JULIA A.

111. Frederic D., born July, 1828 ; died March 10, 1846.

112. Thomas M., born June 15, 1830.

113. Julia, born April 1, 1834.

114. Osgood, born Oct. 5, 1837 ; died Oct. 9, 1838.

115. Edward G., born Nov. 4, 1840.

116. Abby, born Sept. 10, 1844.

(16) *Children of* GEORGE STETSON *and* DEBORAH P.

117. Thomas D., born May 30, 1827.

118. Kimball W., born Aug. 30, 1829.

119. Has one daughter, and lost one child, who died Jan. 24, 1838, aged 18 months.

(17) *Children of WILLIAM STETSON and SALLY S.*

- 120. Sally B., born March 11, 1830 ; died March 13, 1830.
- 121. James B., born March 27, 1831.
- 122. William R., born Jan. 13, 1833.
- 123. Charles, born Sept. 10, 1834 ; died Jan. 6, 1835.
- 124. Charles, born in 1835.
- 125. Sarah M., born Aug. 3, 1837.
- 126. Deborah S., born July 19, 1839 ; died Oct. 29, 1839.
- 127. Angeline, born Feb. 26, 1841.
- 128. John, born March 17, 1843 ; died June 26, 1843.
- 129. Elizabeth S., born Oct. 13, 1844 ; died Feb. 25, 1845.
- 130. John W.

(18) *Children of ELISHA STETSON and LYDIA C.*

- 131. Henry T., born Jan. 29, 1839.
- 132. George F., born June 6, 1841.

We take from Mr. Barry's Genealogy of the Stetson Family, most of the information in regard to Sarah Adams's descendants.

NOTE A. [See page 26.]

Children of SABA A. (STURTEVANT) and W. W. COMSTOCK.

- 1. William, born Feb. 14, 1828 ; died May 14, 1828.
- 2. William, born Aug. 10, 1829 ; died Sept. 25, 1845.
- 3. Adelia B., born Jan. 20, 1832 ; mar. Francis P. Mulvey, of Peoria, Ill. Their children are William C. and Katie W.
- 4. Catharine, born Feb. 22, 1834.
- 5. Sarah A., born Nov. 20, 1836 ; mar. Dr. N. Tribou, of Mystic, Conn. Have one child, named Mary C.

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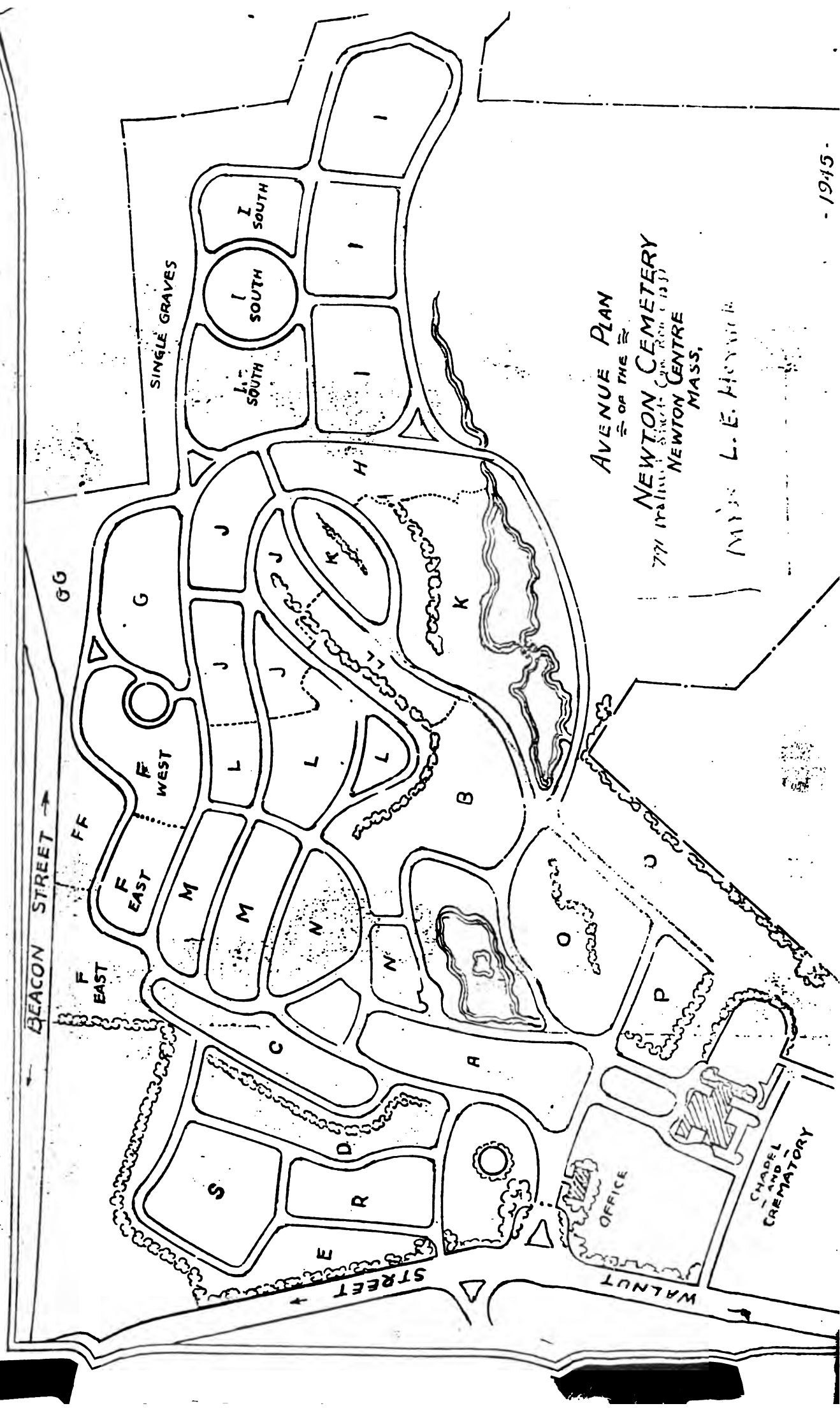
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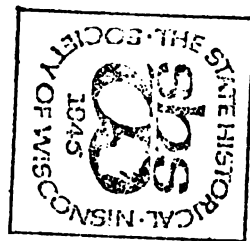
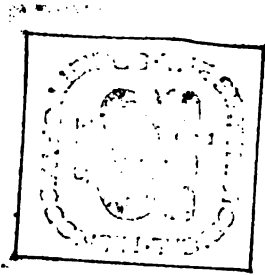
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Harvard's Oldest Graduate, 102, Worked Lifetime, 'Lived' Lifetime

By PAUL STEVENS

The longer Harvard's oldest living graduate lives, and he will be 102 years old next Thursday, the more he thinks Harvard is a pivotal force in the world. It produces great men.

Of course, Abraham Lincoln was a great man, and he didn't go to Harvard. That does not bother Theodore Parker Adams, Harvard, '67, however. He is a reasonable man.

Mr. Adams witnessed Lincoln's first inaugural in 1861, and he could see, as the gaunt figure scissor-stepped to the platform that Harvard or no Harvard, Lincoln was born to be great.

Seated in his Plymouth home that faces the sea only the toss of a baseball from where his Mayflower ancestors came riding into America in 1620 from the old world, Mr. Adams reviewed Lincoln's inaugural with gestures and fire surprising for a

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Harvard Centenarian Recalls Hi-Jinks

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THEODORE PARKER ADAMS

First Harvard College graduate to attain the dignity of being a centenarian, according to Widener Library records, is Theodore Parker Adams of Plymouth, Harvard '67, who on July 23 will be 100 years old.

According to Kimball C. Elkins, assistant to the custodian of the archives at Widener, Mr. Adams is the only Harvard man recorded there as reaching the age of 100.

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OLDEST HARVARD GRAD AT 101ST BIRTHDAY

PLYMOUTH, July 24—The oldest living graduate of Harvard College, Theodore Parker Adams of 68 Warren ave., quietly observed his 101st birthday at his home here today with members of his family and intimate friends calling upon him.

Mr. Adams was born in Boston and after attending Nobel School he was graduated from Harvard in 1867. He served as principal of the Plymouth High School one year and then went to Cambridge Latin School, where he was master of classics until his retirement in 1906.

The Orinoco River, second largest river in South America, is navigable in the rainy season, from May until November, 1300 of its 1473 miles.

Harvard's Oldest Graduate, Worked Lifetime, 'Lived' Lifetime

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in who was alive when James K. Polk was President. He moved his hands as though stinging time away and reared instantly at his knees. "The inauguration," he said, "was the greatest moment of my life." "There were soldiers, hundreds of them—all dead now but very much alive and frightening then—watching the crowd. They were afraid Lincoln might be assassinated," declared the centenarian. "He had had a bad time at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The Southerners had vowed they would kill him. He had come to Washington by an unexpected route. But no one seemed to want to kill him today. When Lincoln read after his address, the audience was in wild enthusiasm. And struck up with the 'Star Spangled Banner,' and I thought my throat would jump out of his throat."

DEAR MOMENT

Another great moment in Mr. Adams' life was when he received his Harvard degree. For four years he had rubbed his intellect to a fine polish in the classics, "in subjects not altogether pleasing but good for self-discipline."

Also, for four years he had carried water in a bucket from a pump to the Harvard Yard to his room, so good discipline, especially on a hot morning. It was the job of a roommate to carry fuel to the stove to be burned in a grate. Thus were Harvard's "conveniences" in those days.

Mr. Adams, who concludes that a grounding in the classics better prepared a man for life than does the study of nuclear physics today, was one of a graduating class of 100 students. Almost one-third as many students again had "flunked out."

"Members of the class of '67 all knew each other, and we developed college spirit impossible at Harvard today," said Mr. Adams.

"If I must criticize Harvard, it is only criticism that it's too big. Nevertheless, Harvard is the best institution to hold a degree from." Mr. Adams left college with the idea of becoming a lawyer, but he moved into Blackstone and decided to become a teacher instead. He was the principal of the Plymouth High School from 1868 to 1869, then taught at the old Cambridge Latin school, where he became the classical master.

RETIRED IN 1905

Mr. Adams is one of the world's few men to work a lifetime then "live" a lifetime. He retired in 1905 and settled down to "having good time." His first act upon retirement was to hire a wood carver—a man who hadn't the remotest idea what he was carving—to inscribe a Latin motto in hard

hours to pass a happy life forgetful of anxious cares."

Mr. Adams will tell you that there is no more satisfying way to live than by that motto from Horace. A frequent traveler to Europe when he was younger, he bought wood carvings in Italy and England and had them made into a great fireplace mantelpiece that reaches to the ceiling.

FUNNIES NOT FUNNY

Before this fireplace he ponders the old days and thinks about today. His wife, many years his junior although not a young woman, and a nurse, Mrs. Lena Armes, read newspapers to him each day.

"We scramble the funny papers into the wastebasket, however," said Mrs. Adams. "My husband doesn't think they're funny."

The centenarian doesn't know why he has lived so long. His father died a comparatively young man.

"I just live, that's all," declared Mr. Adams.

He believes in moderation—in drinking, smoking and eating—in all things. He does not believe in "taking away" from people. "Prohibition," he says, "was an imposition of moderation to an immoderate degree. Immoderate moderation is as bad as unrestraint."

Mr. Adams doesn't puzzle about things he doesn't understand. Atomic power, he agrees, may destroy mankind. "But it won't destroy me," he said, laughing heartily. "I won't live that long."

"By the way," he asked, blue eyes twinkling mischief, "did you come here to write my obituary?"

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Since his retirement, Mr. Adams has made himself an authority on genealogy, and has served as a vice-president of the Pilgrim Society. He formerly travelled annually in Europe.

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He checked over records going back more than 25 years.

Mr. Adams, former master of Cambridge Latin School, retired in June, 1906, just before his 60th birthday and since has made his home in Plymouth.

He was graduated from Harvard about the time Charles Darwin, Asa Grey and Herbert Spencer were making famous the phrase "survival of the fittest." To read the history of the class of '67 at Harvard is to realize that probably the greatest single change, apart from mechanical wonders like the automobile, radio and airplane, during Mr. Adams' long life, is in the field of public health. The number of his classmates who died of tuberculosis, typhoid, yellow fever is shocking to the mind of today, accustomed to medicine's triumphs over such diseases.

Classmate's Death a Sensation

Mr. Adams' class included Anthony A. Rhodes, whose death in college in their sophomore year was a great sensation, being first reported and rumored to be due to "starvation and neglect." The facts were that "too hard study and a want of proper exercise on a constitution already shattered by disease brought on typhus fever. After his sickness set in he received the constant and devoted attention of several of his classmates up to the time of his death."

Young student Rhodes was buried from one of the famous students' boarding houses in which Harvard men lived before freshman dormitories were thought of, and the picture of the dying boy being nursed by fellow-students is in strong contrast to Stillman Infirmary of today at Harvard.

They had hard times hazing in Harvard, in Mr. Adams' day, too. The sophomores had decreed freshmen should not wear beaver hats. One of Adams' classmates, Joseph B. Braman, having been forcibly deprived of his beaver, barricaded himself in Stoughton Hall and "defended himself by discharging pistols at the ceiling for several successive evenings and crying, "Help, help, '67!" whenever prowling sophomores approached. The faculty finally called in the sophomores and made them apologize to Braman, no official notice apparently being taken of his pistol practice at the ceilings.

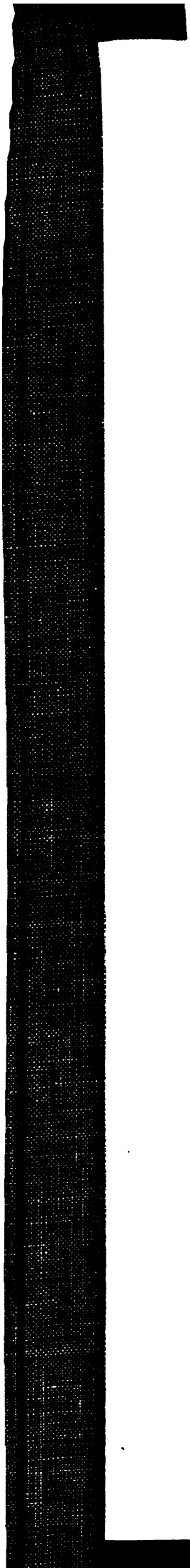
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